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他人を傷つけたくない…
傷つけるくらいなら、
傷つけられた方がいい…
そんな心優しき高校生・桜井幹人が、
謎の子供・ザクロに授かった
恐るべき力は、人を食う鬼となる
前兆だった！
いま、暗黒の運命の扉が開く…

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「この先どうなるんだろう？」
「早く続きが読みたい」
そんな漫画になればいいな。

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PRETTY FLOWERS...
LET'S MAKE FLOWERS BLOOM,

UNTIL NO SPACE IS LEFT BARE...
FILL UP THIS ENTIRE TREE,
CHAPTER 1
FLOWER OF DESIRE

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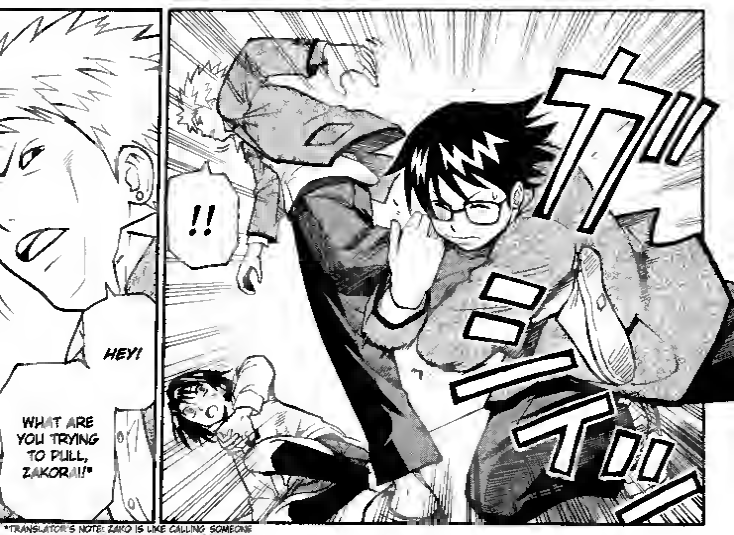
IN THE PYRAMID OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST IT SEEMS THAT HUMANS ARE ON THE VERY TOP
HUMANS
CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS
HERBIVOROUS ANIMALS
PLANTS
TO PUT IT VERY SIMPLY,
IN THE REALM OF NATURE THERE IS A SO-CALLED "FOOD CHAIN".
HOWEVER, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT AS A PYRAMID OF JUST HUMANS...
ON THE VERY BOTTOM
I AM MOST CERTAINLY...

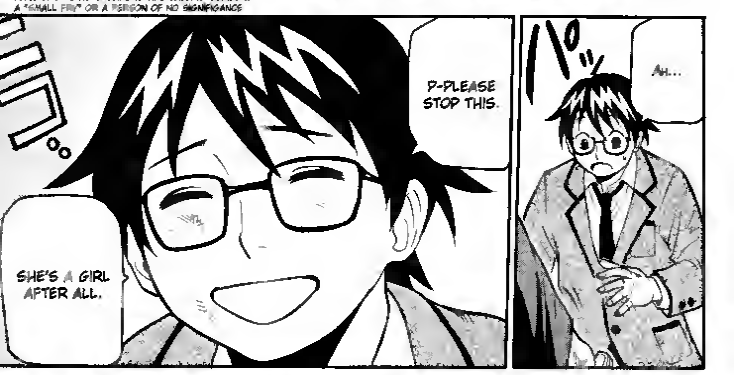
Chi...
IS THIS IT?
SAKURAI MIKITO-KUN!
AT LEAST PUT IN A 10,000 YEN BILL.
Umm... YOU SEE...
WHAT DO YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE DOING!!
PEONS SHOULD JUST DO AS THEY'RE TOLD!!
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
ドカ!!

HIGH SCHOOLERS DOING THIS KIND OF BULLYING.
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S RATHER UNCOOL?
SAKI...
KYAA!
SIT DOWN!!
KE!
KIKUOKA.
WE'RE NOT TRYING TO ACT ALL GOODY-GOODY!

HOW 'BOUT WE SHOW YOU SOME PAIN TOO, BITCH!!



*TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: ZAKO IS LIKE CALLING SOMEONE A "SMALL FRY" OR A PERSON OF NO SIGNIFICANCE



WE NEED TO HURRY AND GET IT TREATED...
UWA, YOU'RE BLEEDING.
Look, there!
パン パン
A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT? SAKI...
OWWW...
WHY DON'T YOU FIGHT BACK, MIKITO!!
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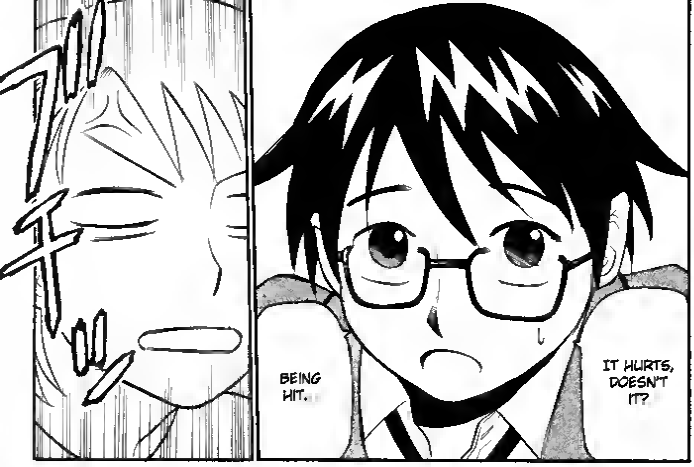
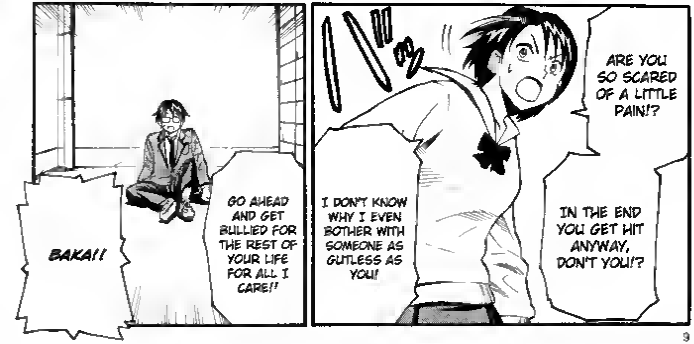
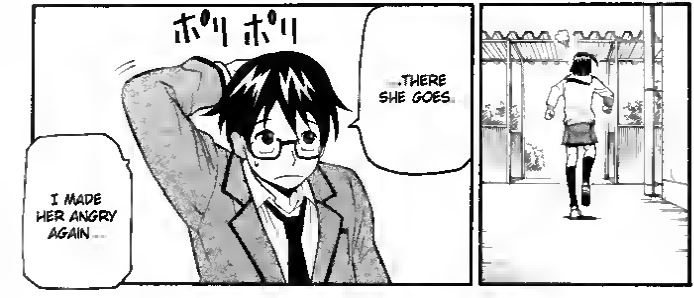
BE-BECAUSE...
THIS IS WHY YOU'VE BEEN BULLIED SINCE WE WERE KIDS!!
BECOME STRONGER!!


BEING HIT...
IT HURTS, DOESN'T IT?


ARE YOU SO SCARED OF A LITTLE PAIN!?
IN THE END YOU GET HIT ANYWAY, DON'T YOU!?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVEN BOTHER WITH SOMEONE AS GUTLESS AS YOU!
GO AHEAD AND GET BULLIED FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE FOR ALL I CARE!!
BAKA!!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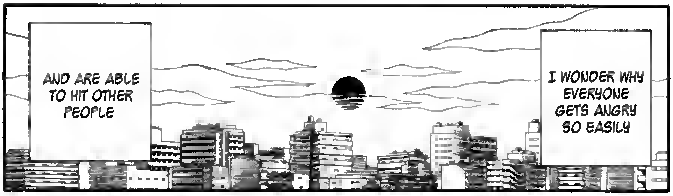
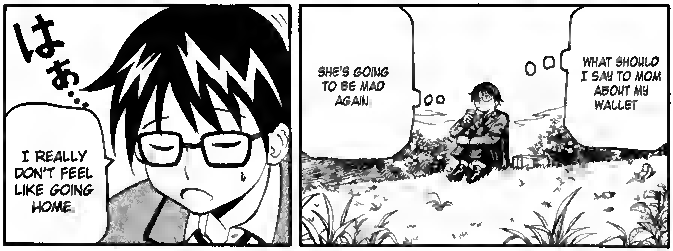
...THERE SHE GOES.
I MADE HER ANGRY AGAIN...


I WONDER WHY EVERYONE GETS ANGRY SO EASILY
AND ARE ABLE TO HIT OTHER PEOPLE


WHAT SHOULD I SAY TO MOM ABOUT MY WALLET
SHE'S GOING TO BE MAD AGAIN
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I REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING HOME.

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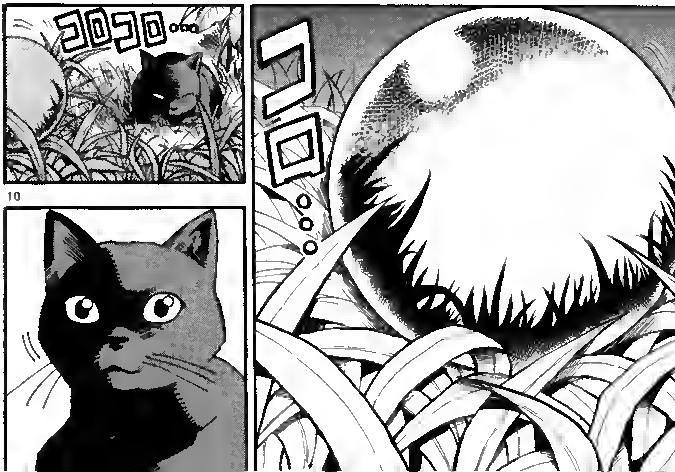
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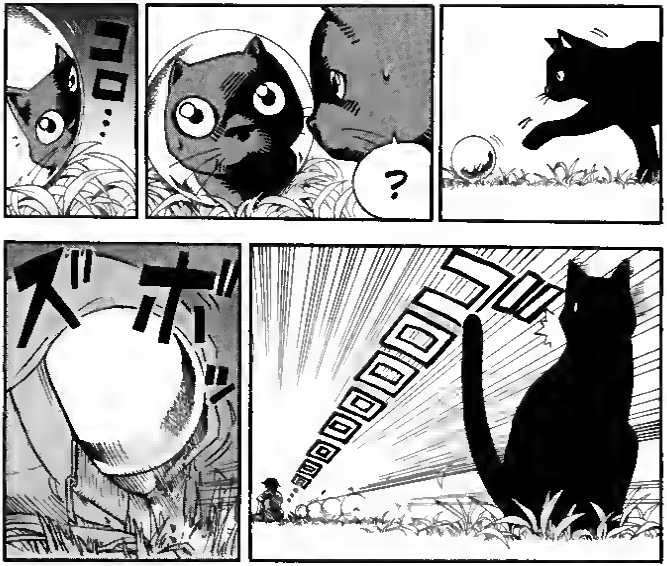
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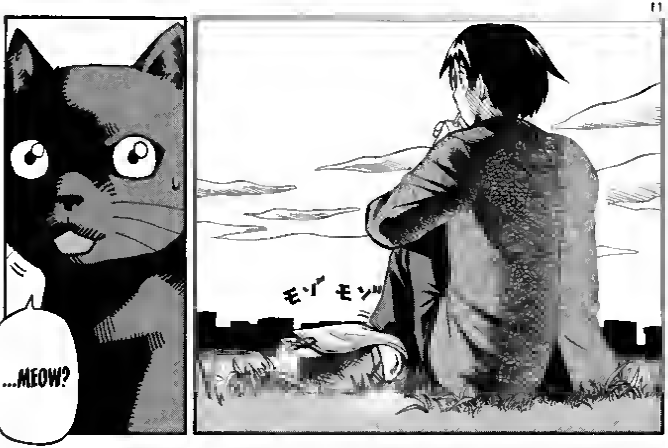
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...MEOW?

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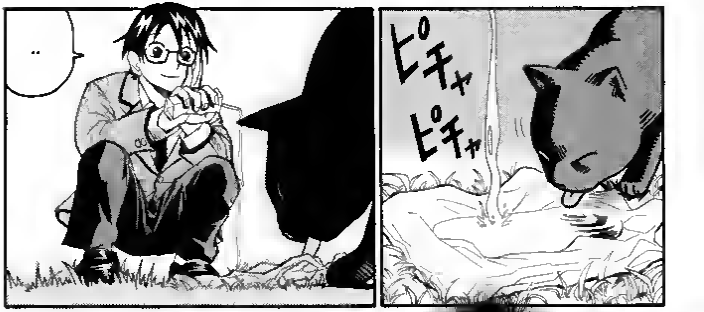
Wa!
Hmm?

IF IT'S FOOD YOU WANT I DIDN'T BRING AN...
WHAT ARE YOU AFTER?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THAT'S NOT IT, SAKI...
ARE YOU SO SCARED OF A LITTLE PAIN!?

MEOW
IF IT'S JUST ME GETTING HURT THEN I CAN BEAR IT...
IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT THEN THAT'S ENOUGH ISN'T IT?
IT'S BECAUSE I KNOW THE PAIN OF GETTING HIT...
THAT I DON'T WANT TO HIT OTHERS...
I WONDER IF I AM JUST GUTLESS.
THAT I DON'T WANT
But... BECAUSE OF THAT SAKI GOT HURT AND ANGRY
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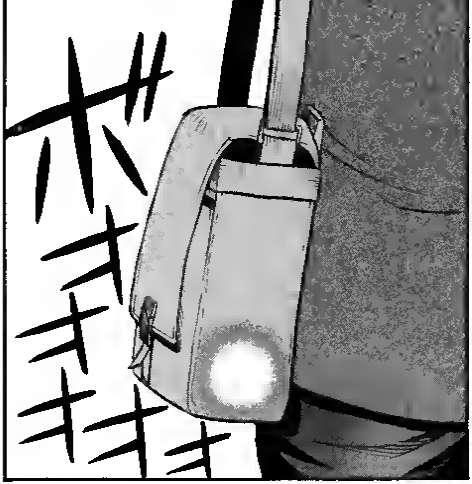
MEOOOW
SEE YA
I'D BETTER GET GOING.
WELL THEN...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BE MORE CAREFUL, MIKITO
Umm...
YOU TOO DEAR, SAY SOMETHING TO HIM.

MIKITO!!
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GOING TO DROP YOUR WALLET BEFORE YOU'RE SATISFIED!?

...
KOZUE! HOW CAN YOU TALK LIKE THAT ABOUT YOUR BROTHER!!

I BET SOMEONE THREATENED HIM AND STOLE IT.
YOU KNOW, SINCE HE'S SUCH A LITTLE WEAKLING.

KOZUE! YOU STILL HAVE FOOD LEFT!
I'M ON A DIET!
I'M... FINISHED TOO.
ガタ…
MIKITO, GET ANGRY FOR ONCE!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GET ANGRY.
I'M OUTTA HERE!
IF YOU DON'T YOUR SISTER WILL KEEP MAKING A FOOL OUT OF YOU!!
MIKITO! YOU NEED TO EAT MORE!!
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SO SLEEPY...
WHAT A TIRING DAY.

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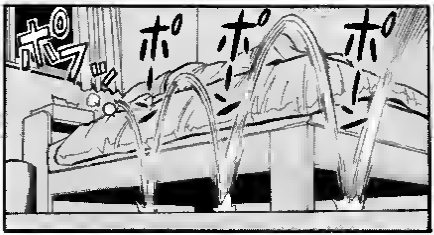
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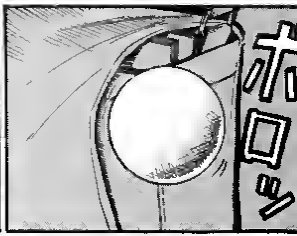
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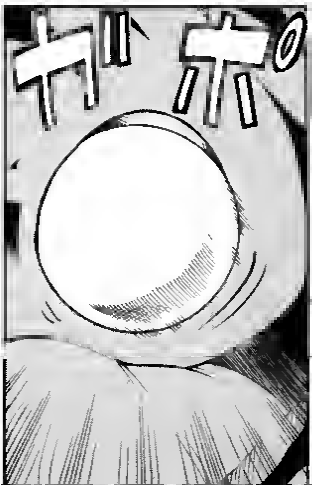
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Gulp!
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Munya munya...
Hey, you!
Wake up!
...mm...
Hmm...?

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HEY!
!!
...Whu...
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?

OVER HERE!!

S-SKELETON!?
UWAAAA!!

SO IT'S YOU?
MY NEW BODY...

WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
YOU...
A KID...?
...

STATE YOUR DESIRE
LIKE, "I WANT MONEY" OR "I WANT TO BE PROUD"...
WISH?
YES!!
WHAT?
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY...
I'M THINKING IT OVER
W-WAIT A SECOND.
YOU LACK THAT!? RIDICU-LOUS!!
DESIRE IS INSTINCTIVE!! IT IS A POWER OF EXISTENCE!!

BECOME STRONGER!!
SOMETHING THAT I LACK...

I WANT TO BECOME STRONG!!
SO THAT NO ONE CAN MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME AGAIN...
...I HAVE JUST ONE.
AT THE VERY LEAST, I DON'T WANT TO MAKE SAKI ANGRY
OR SEE HER GET HURT EVER AGAIN...

YOUR WISH,
I CAN GRANT IT IMMEDI-ATELY.
Heh!
YOU WILL BE *GREATER* THAN HUMAN.
WHEN YOU WAKE UP...
YOUR WISH?
SO THEN...
MAKE *MY* WISH COME TRUE!

MY WISH...
IS FOR FLOWERS TO BLOOM ALL OVER THIS TREE.

SO FOR THIS
I'M COUNTING ON YOU!

WHO ARE YOU?
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS.
FLOWERS?
COUNTING ON ME...?

MY NAME IS...
ME?

ZAKURO!

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I FEEL LIKE I HAD AN EXTREMELY STRANGE DREAM
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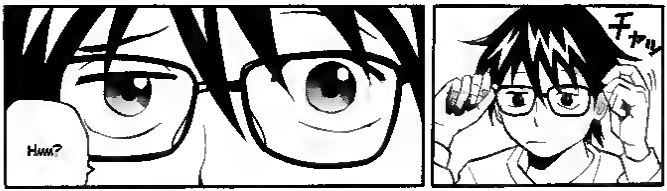
I FELL ASLEEP LIKE THAT...?
GOTTA GET UP...


Hmm?
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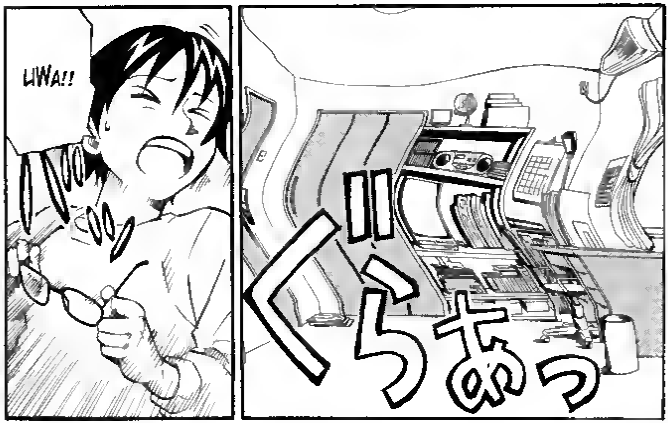
UWA!!
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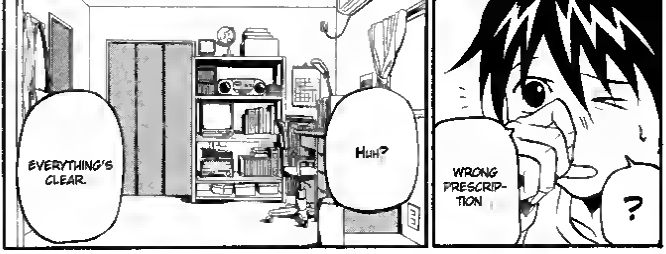
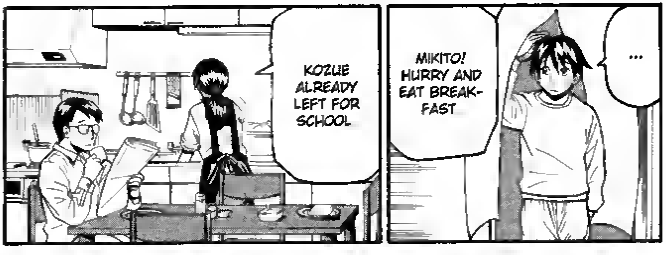

EVERYTHING'S CLEAR.
HUH?
WRONG PRESCRIPTION
?


KOZUE ALREADY LEFT FOR SCHOOL
MIKITO! HURRY AND EAT BREAKFAST
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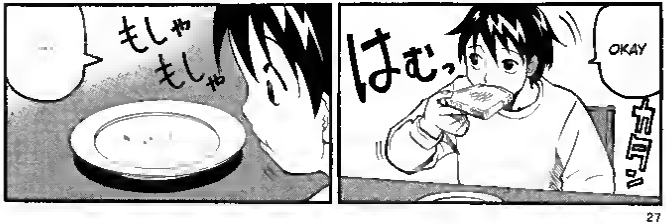
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OKAY

SOMEHOW...
IT WAS A MORNING DIFFERENT THAN USUAL.
MAYBE YOU'RE FINALLY HITTING A GROWTH SPURT
WHAT?
YOU NEVER EAT MORE THAN A PIECE OF BREAD.
MOM, IS THIS ALL?

I WONDER...
IS IT A GROWTH SPURT JUST LIKE MOM SAID?
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HEHEHE... BAAAKA!!
Hmm?
IS IT BROKEN?
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WE JUST SAW THAT!
SAKURAI!
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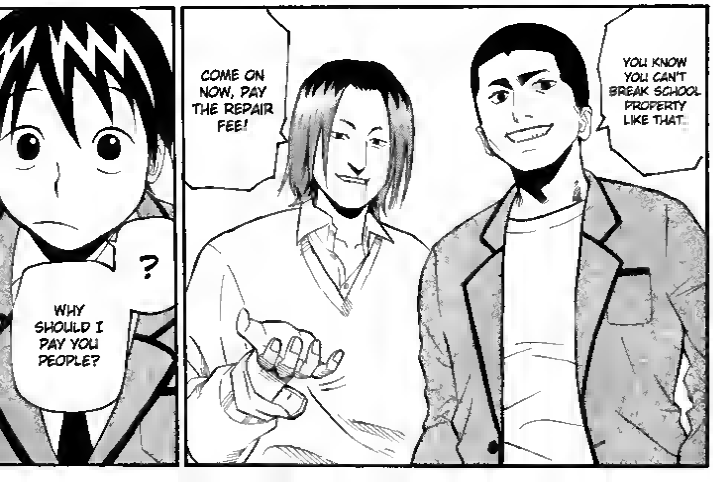
WHAT'S THIS?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOO OLD.


COME ON NOW, PAY THE REPAIR FEE!
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T BREAK SCHOOL PROPERTY LIKE THAT.
?
WHY SHOULD I PAY YOU PEOPLE?

JUST SHUT UP AND HAND OVER THE MONEY!
WA!!
OR DO YOU WANT ANOTHER BEATING?
ZAKORAI!!
WHAT WAS THAT FEELING JUST NOW...?
HUH?
!!
SLOW...
HUH?
?

T/L NOTE: THIS IS THE SOUND OF A HEAVY HEARTBEAT

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I'VE...
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
HIT A PERSON!!!
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THAT GUY, HE'S SUCH A COWARD HE WOULDN'T KILL A FLY!!
THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN!!
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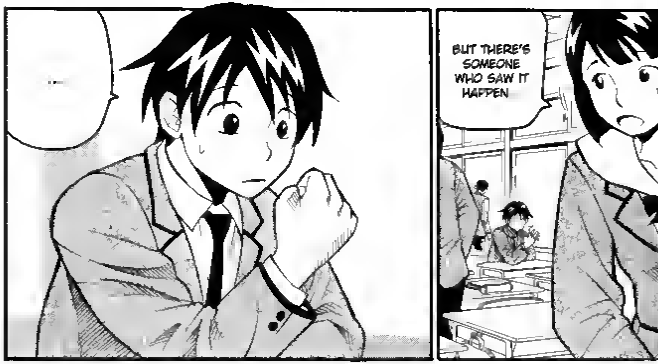
MIKITO HIT ONE OF THOSE DELINQUENTS?


BUT THERE'S SOMEONE WHO SAW IT HAPPEN

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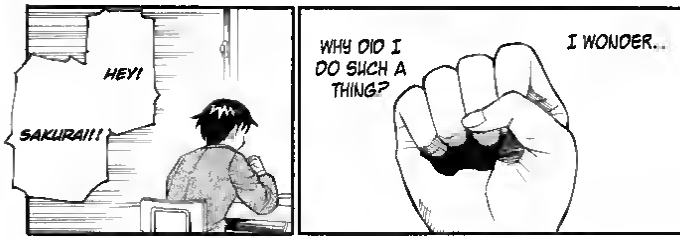
HEY!
SAKURAI!!
WHY DID I DO SUCH A THING?
I WONDER..

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Y-YEAH
YOU UNDERSTAND WHY, DON'T YOU?
COME WITH US FOR A BIT

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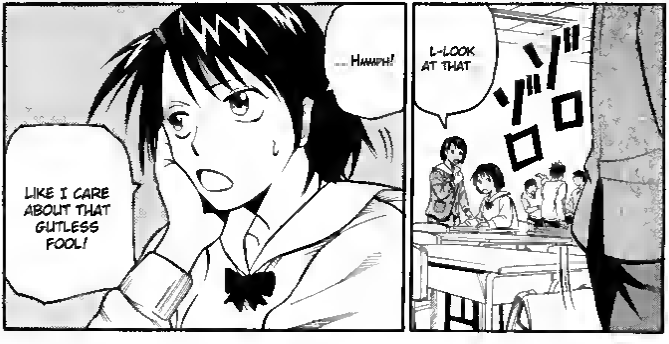
LIKE I CARE ABOUT THAT GUTLESS FOOL!
....HMMPH!
L-LOOK AT THAT
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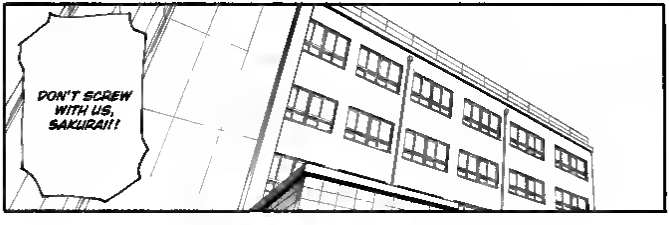
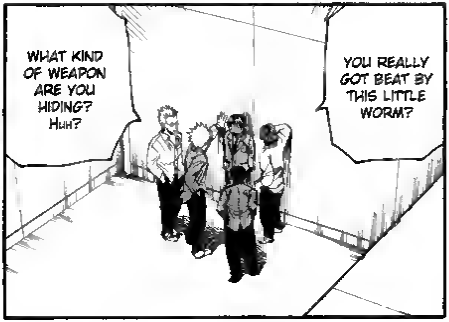

DON'T SCREW WITH US, SAKURAI!!

I-I MIGHT HAVE DONE SOMETHING BAD
IS THAT PERSON ALRIGHT?


WHAT KIND OF WEAPON ARE YOU HIDING? HUH?
YOU REALLY GOT BEAT BY THIS LITTLE WORM?

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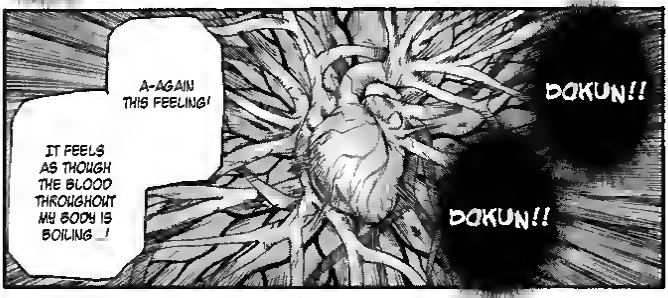
FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BELOW US!!
DOKUN!!

THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE ALRIGHT DON'T YOU THINK!? AFTER GETTING HIS JAW BROKEN!!
I'LL TEACH YOU NEVER TO MESS WITH US AGAIN!!


A-AGAIN THIS FEELING!
IT FEELS AS THOUGH THE BLOOD THROUGHOUT MY BODY IS BOILING...!
DOKUN!!
DOKUN!!

DOKUN!!
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YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME...?
OHH?
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY, SHITHEAD?
HUH?
I SAID,
"SHUT THE HELL UP"
THAT'S IT, I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
YOU JUST KEEP SPOUTING OFF!
I'M TIRED OF LISTENING TO IT...
WHA-...

TOO SLOW.
OHHHHHH!!
Y-YOU BASTARD!!
THAT'S WHY I SAID, YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
Ah...

IF YOU WANT TO HIT SOMEONE...
DON'T YOU GET IT?

YOU DO IT LIKE THIS!!
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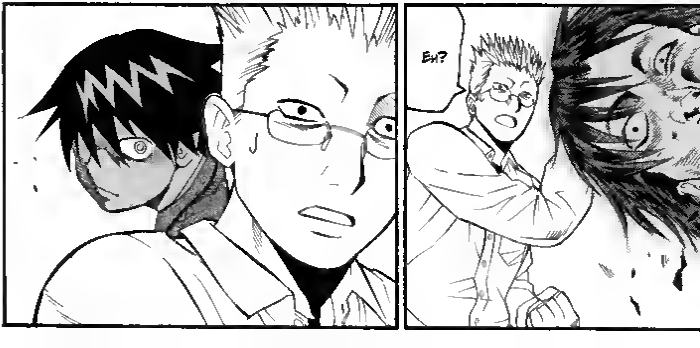
EH?

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B-BASTARD
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SHIT!!
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UNDERESTI-MATING ME..
ガシッ
!!

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GA!!
ZAKURAI, YOU BASTARD...
DON'T THINK YOU'LL GET AWAY WITH DOIN TH-...
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BAM!!
BAM!!
BAM!!
BAM!!

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IT'S RATHER STRANGE...
UNTIL NOW I ALWAYS HATED SEEING BLOOD.
BUT NOW I THINK IT'S VERY PRETTY.
ALMOST LIKE...
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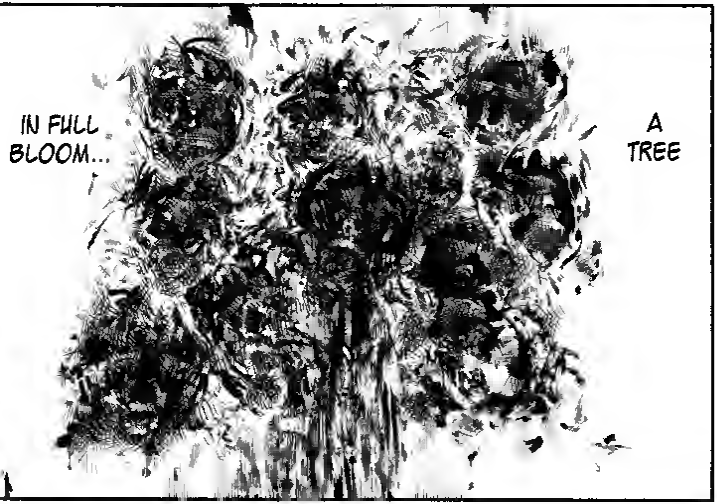
A TREE
IN FULL BLOOM...

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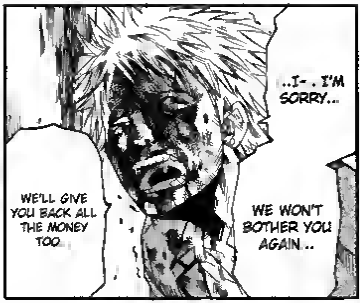
..I-. I'M SORRY...
WE'LL GIVE YOU BACK ALL THE MONEY TOO
WE WON'T BOTHER YOU AGAIN..

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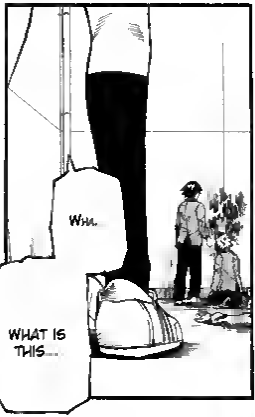
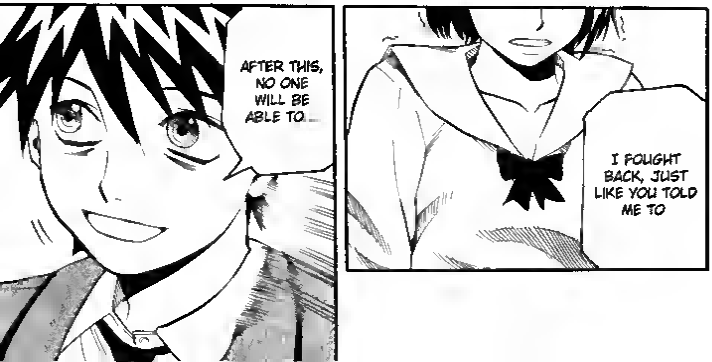

Wha.
WHAT IS THIS....

SAKI!!
...MIKITO?
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

LOOK, SAKI!!
I GOT ANGRY!
THE TRUTH IS THEY WERE RIDICULOUSLY WEAK.


I FOUGHT BACK, JUST LIKE YOU TOLD ME TO
AFTER THIS, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO...

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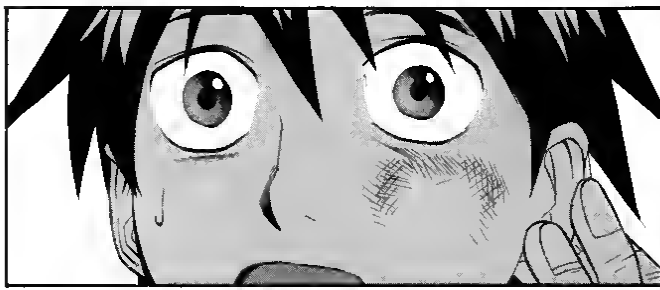
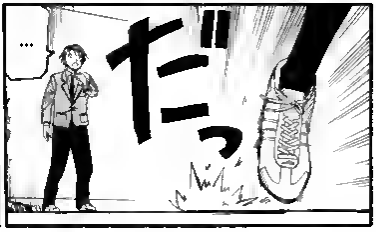
WHAT WAS THAT FOR, SAK!!!
I...
Wha.



YOU'RE...
NOT MIKITO...

SAKI...
WHY?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WAS BECAUSE I WANTED YOU TO ALWAYS SMILE...
THE REASON I WISHED TO BECOME STRONG,

JUST THAT SIMPLE REASON ONLY...

HEH.

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T/L: DRUID
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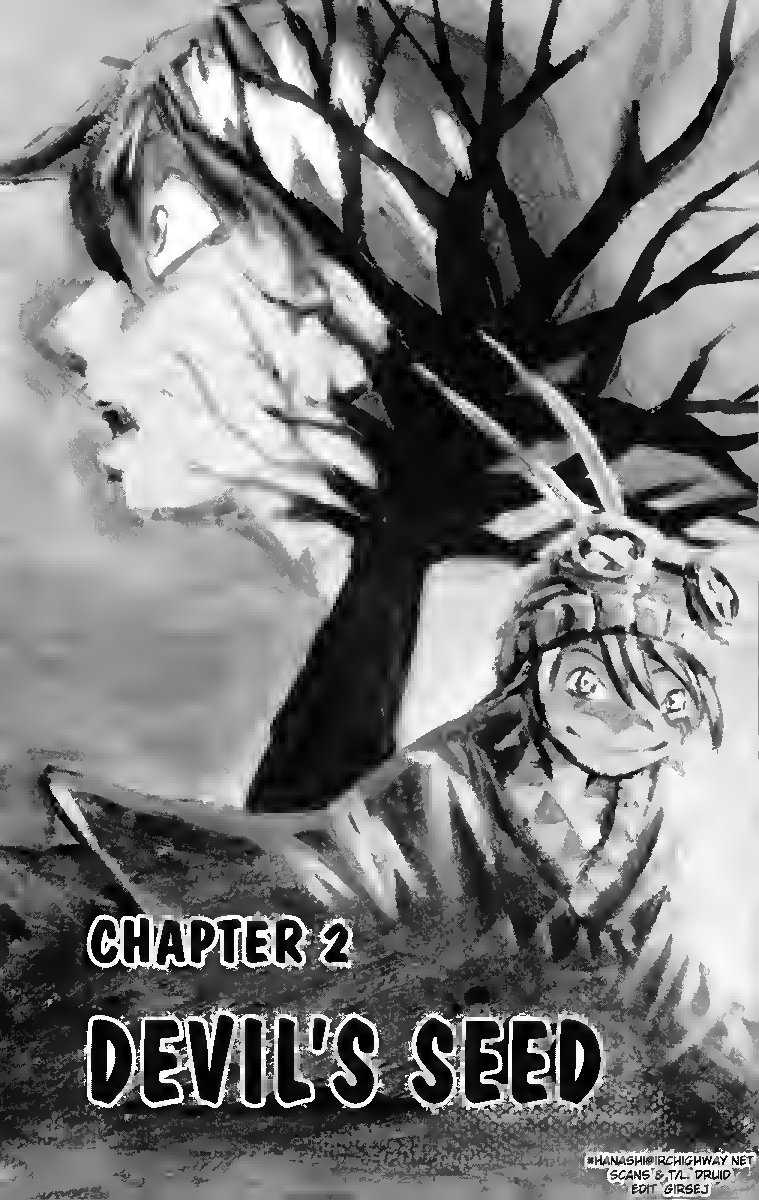
PROOF: GNOMZ

HELLO READERS! I HOPE YOU ARE AS PSYCHED ABOUT READING KURO AS I AM. WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT POSSIBLE NEW PROJECTS IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG ONCE KURO VOL. 1 WAS DELIVERED TO REALIZE IT WAS THE ONE I WAS JUST GOING TO TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT IT AND TWO HOURS LATER I HAD READ THE VOLUME COVER TO COVER. ANYWAY, THIS IS THE FIRST VOLUME OF THREE THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED SO FAR. YOU CAN EXPECT FREQUENT RELEASES FROM US SO HAPPY READING AND FEEL FREE TO HANG OUT IN OUR CHANNEL. -DRUID

I HOPE YOU ENJOY READING IT AS MUCH AS I ENJOYED EDITING IT KURO LOOKS REALLY INTERESTING SO LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT CHAPTER! -GIRSEJ

HE SAID HE WASN'T FEELING WELL AND WENT HOME.
SAKURA!!
WHERE IS SAKURA! MIKITO?
CHAPTER 2 DEVIL'S SEED
That spineless Mikito....
I can't believe it...
JUST LIKE YOU SAID I SHOULD. .
LOOK, SAK!! I HIT THEM BACK!!
What in the world happened!?



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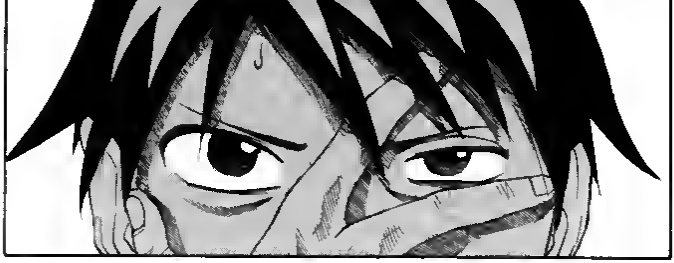
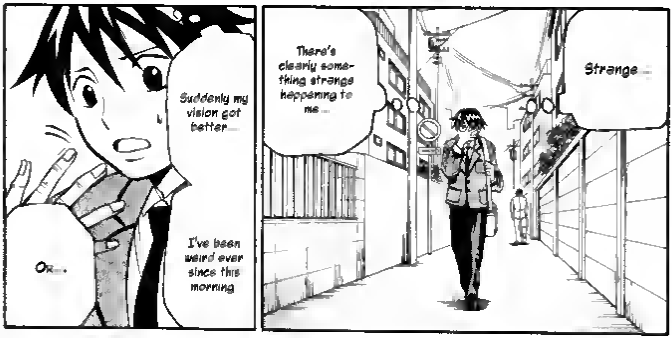



Suddenly my vision got better...
I've been weird ever since this morning
Or...
There's clearly something strange happening to me...
Strange...

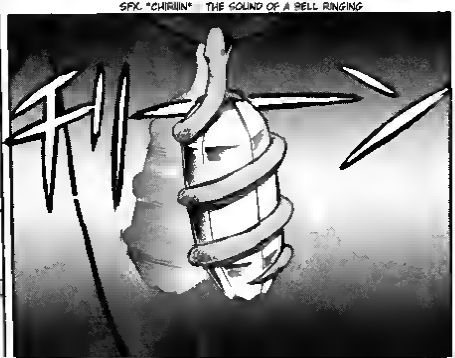
Ever since I had that dream...?

SFX. GASHI - GRAB
HEY BRAT! WATCH WHERE THE HELL YER GOIN!!
SFX. DO - BUMP
!!

DOKUN!!
!!
SFX: GUAAAA - CHOKING AND LIFTING
Guaaa!!
WHY DOES EVERY-ONE...
GET IN MY WAY...
SFX: UGOGOGO - CHOKING GET'S EVEN HARSHER
SFX: GUGU - CHOKING CONTINUES
SHOULD I...
DESPITE THE FACT THAT YOU'RE ALL SO WEAK...

Kill every last one of you!?
SFX. GOGOGOGO - THE ATMOSPHERE GETS INTENSE

SFX. KOOOO - WIND BLOWING
THE BELL SOUNDED!!


SFX. "CHIRIIIN" - THE SOUND OF A BELL RINGING

AS I THOUGHT THERE'S ONE SOMEWHERE IN THIS TOWN!
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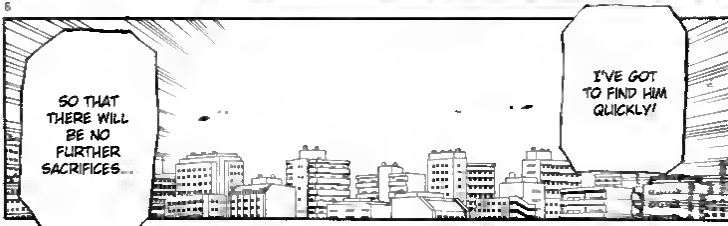
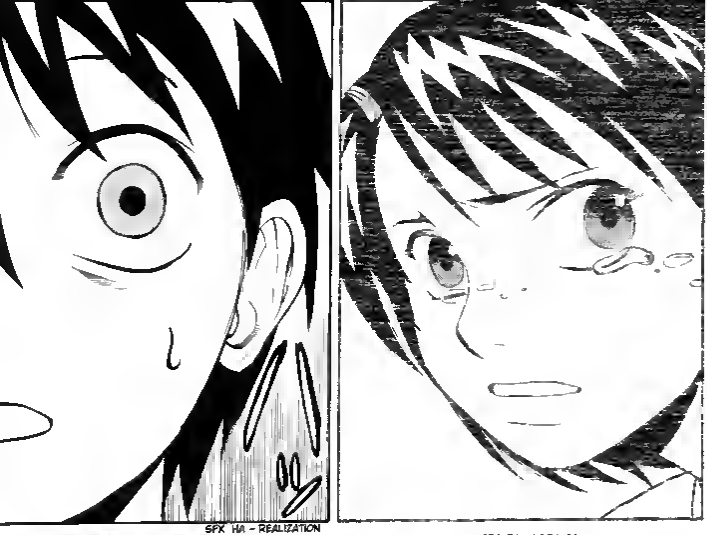
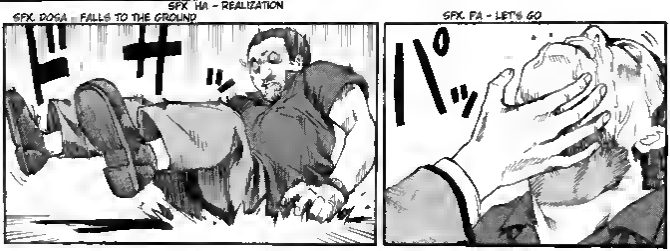
SOMEONE WHO'S INHERITED A "DEVIL'S SEED"...

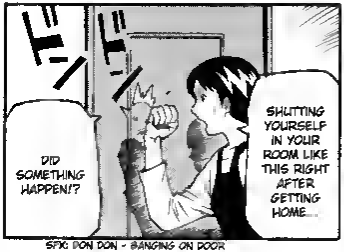

I'VE GOT TO FIND HIM QUICKLY!
SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER SACRIFICES...

GAH!
ACK!!


SFX. HA - REALIZATION


SFX. DOGA - FALLS TO THE GROUND
SFX. FA - LET'S GO

SFX. DA - RUNNING AWAY SWIFTLY
Cough!
Cough!!
...Ah...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DID SOMETHING HAPPEN!?
SHUTTING YOURSELF IN YOUR ROOM LIKE THIS RIGHT AFTER GETTING HOME...
MIKITO!
YOU'RE IN THERE RIGHT? MIKITO!

SFX: DON DON - BANGING ON DOOR

I WAS STARTING TO THINK IT MIGHT NEVER HAPPEN WITH HIM
HE'S JUST GOING THROUGH A REBELLIOUS PHASE LIKE EVERYONE DOES
JUST LEAVE HIM BE
I WONDER WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THAT BOY...

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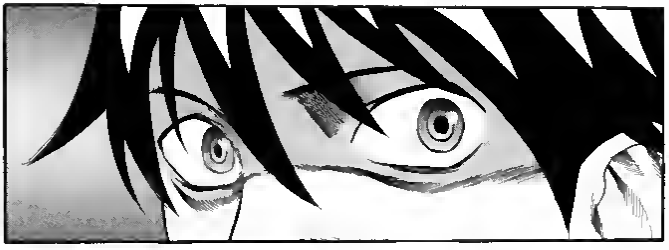
HE'S NOT THAT DELICATE OF A PERSON!
HE'LL BE FINE, THIS IS ANIKI* WE'RE TALKING ABOUT!
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM, HE NEVER GETS ANGRY, AND DOESN'T WORRY ABOUT A THING.
BUT, WHAT IF HE STARTS SKIPPING SCHOOL...

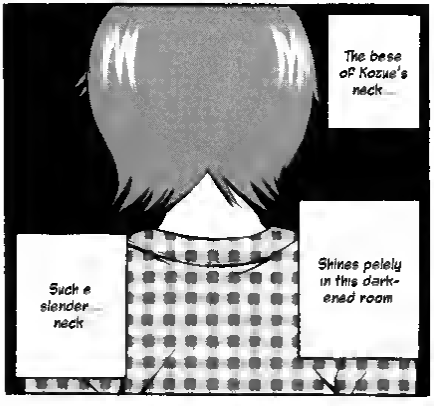
SFX: GATA GATA - SHAKING/TREMBLING

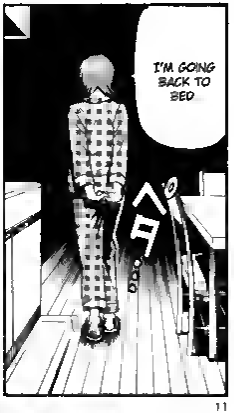
T/L NOTE: A SLIGHTLY RUDE VERSION OF ONII-SAN OR BIG BROTHER

SFX. GASA – RUSTLING THINGS AROUND IN THE FRIDGE
I can't bear it any longer…
It's no use…
SFX. GACHA – DOOR OPENING
ガチャ
SFX. GOKUN – SURPRISE
ゴクッ
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
SFX. GASH! GASH! – BITING SFX
ガツ!ガツ!
What's with me?
I've been *extremely* hungry ever since this morning…

OH, KOZUE...
DON'T SURPRISE ME LIKE THAT...
IT'S NOT MY FAULT YOU GET SCARED SO EASY!
ANIKI!
IF YOU EAT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT YOU'LL GET FAT.
EVEN WITHOUT YOU TELLING ME...
I-I GET THAT ALREADY
DON'T START ACTING TOO WEIRD ALL OF A SUDDEN
MOM WORRIES ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.
IT'S ALL THE SAME TO ME BUT,
SFX. PORI PORI - SCRATCH, SCRATCH
SFX. PATAN - FRIDGE DOOR CLOSING
IF I HAVE A USELESS OLDER BROTHER I'LL HAVE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE
GET IT TOGETHER.
SFX. PETA - PAJAMAS CLINGING TO HER BODY.




The base of Kozue's neck...
Such a slender... neck
Shines palely in this darkened room


I'M GOING BACK TO BED

it seems like it would snap like a twig
If I were to apply a little power,

like a twig...

Yes,

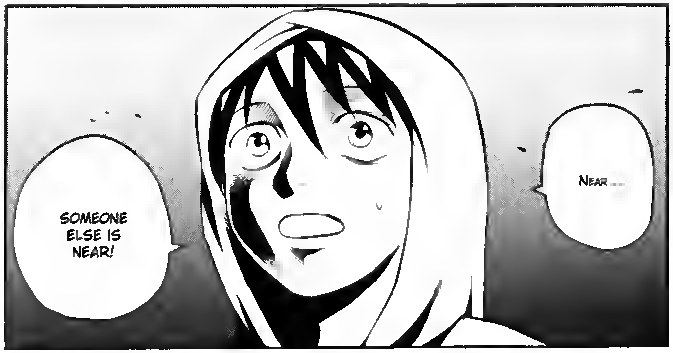
HMM?
?
!!
WHAT'S WRONG? ANIKI...
WAIT A SEC, YOU'RE SWEATING LIKE MAD!!
DO YOU HAVE A FEVER OR SOMETHING?
SFX: BATA GATA - TREMBLING
SFX: GACHI GACHI - GRITTING HIS TEETH
...IT'S NOTHING...
I'M FINE, JUST HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM...
KOZUE!
NOTHING MY ASS!!
LOOK HOW MUCH YOU'RE TREMBLING!
I'M GOING TO WAKE MOM AND DAD...

GET THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!!
UH!
SFX. BIKU — SURPRISE
WH— WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!
IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT SOME-ONE WHO'S WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
FINE I'LL LEAVE, I'LL LEAVE ALREADY!
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN YOU YELL LIKE THAT

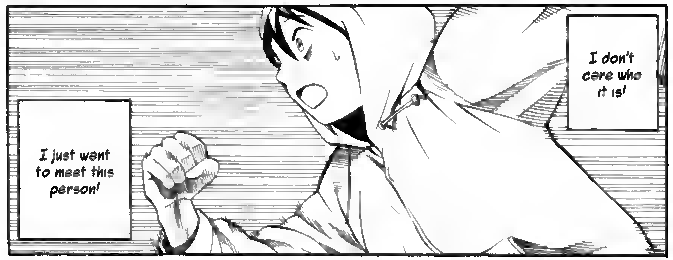
What was I trying to do?
Just now...

I can't stay at home...
I just feel like I must not go there.
What's this feeling? It's almost like ...
There's no one left in the world but me

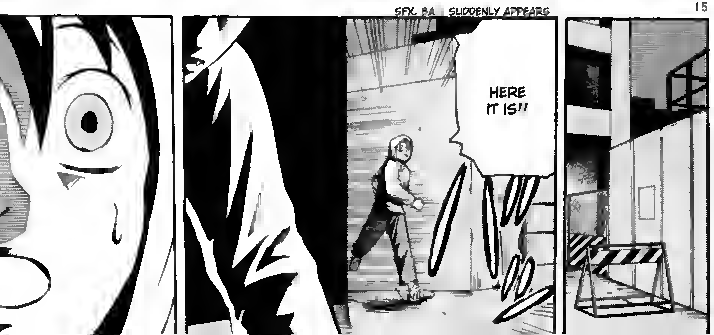
...!!

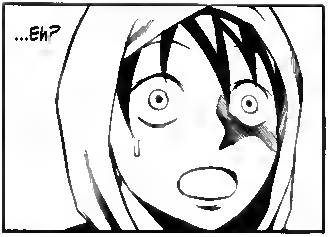


SFX. DA - SUDDENLY RUNNING

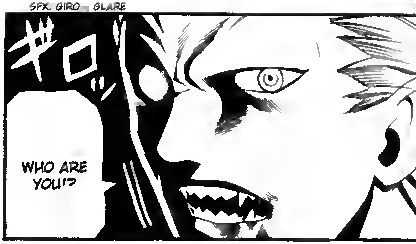


SFX. DA - SUDDENLY APPEARS

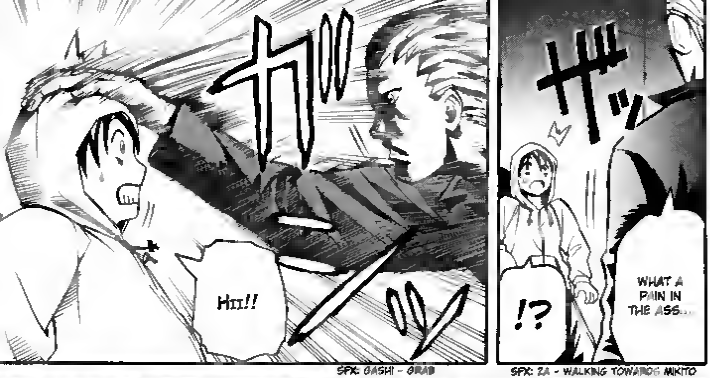


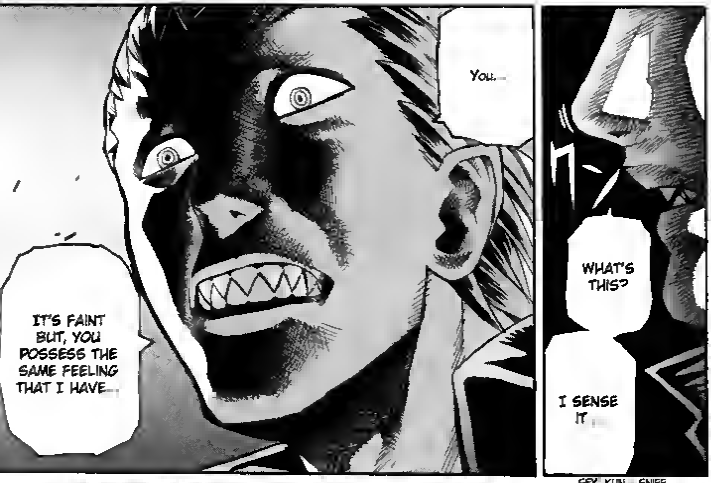


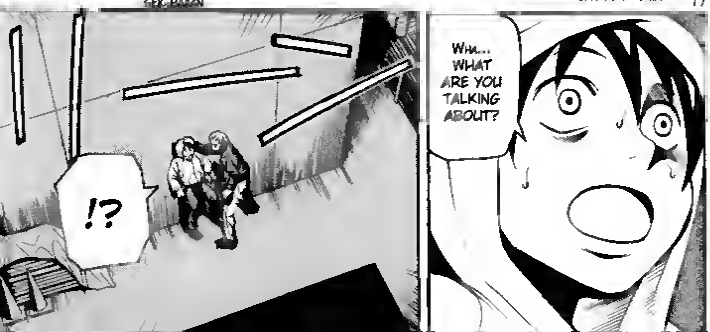
SFX: GIRO... GLARE



A person...?

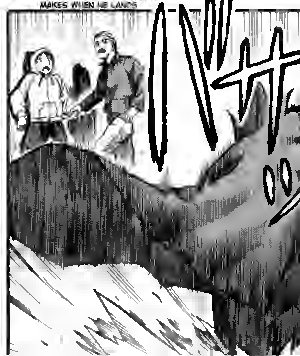

HII!!
SFX: GASH! - GRAB
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS...
!?
SFX: ZA - WALKING TOWARDS MIKITO


You...
IT'S FAINT BUT, YOU POSSESS THE SAME FEELING THAT I HAVE...
WHAT'S THIS?
I SENSE IT...
SFX: KUN - SNIFF


SFX: PAAN
!?
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

SFX: KACHA... SILENCING HIS BELL

SFX: BASA - THE SHEAR THE CAPE MAKES WHEN HE LANDS



SFX. KI - RIGGED GLARE
DAMN, TOO LATE!!
HUMANS ARE OUR PREY!
THEY'RE OUR FAVORITE FOOD!!
SFX. GIGGI - TRANSFORMING
!!
BUT... AMONG THE HUMANS ARE SOME WE HATE...
THAT IS THESE BELL-WEARING BASTARDS!!

T/L NOTE: A LOUD ROAR.

SFX: GOOOOO - INTENSE TRANSFORMATION

I HATE YOUR KIND AS WELL!!
UNEXPECTEDLY, I AGREE...
SFX: HYUBBA
SFX: BA
SFX: UAAAAAA

That at this point I'm pretty out of it but
So many things have happened...
Ever since I had that weird dream,

Is this
really
happen-
ing!?

SFX: ZA - SLICE
!!
SFX: BUTI - PUMP
!!
SFX: PIKU - TWITCH
!!!!!!
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ぴくっ

HEY KID!! WHAT ARE YOU SITTING AROUND FOR!? HELP ME OUT!!
THIS BODY IS ALREADY WEARING OUT!!
THAT BASTARD IS OUR ENEMY!!
OUR...?
Y-YOU'RE WRONG!!
I'M NOT...
!!
SFX: BICHA - SPLASH
SHIT! I MISCALCULATED!!
THEN THERE'S NO POINT LEAVING YOU ALIVE!
SO HAND IT OVER!!
!!
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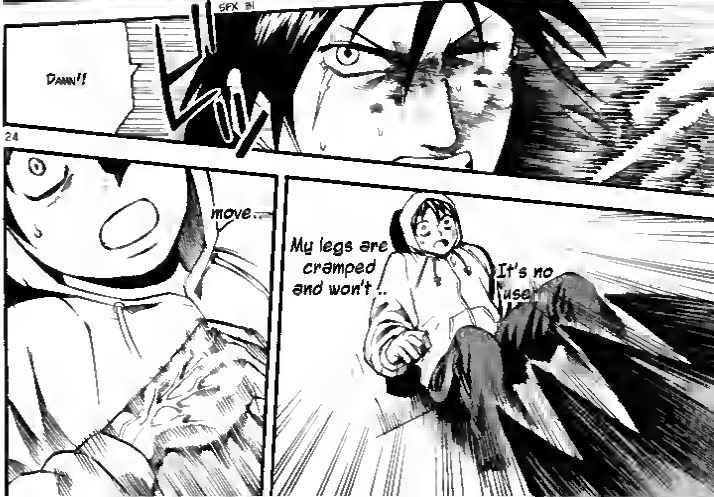
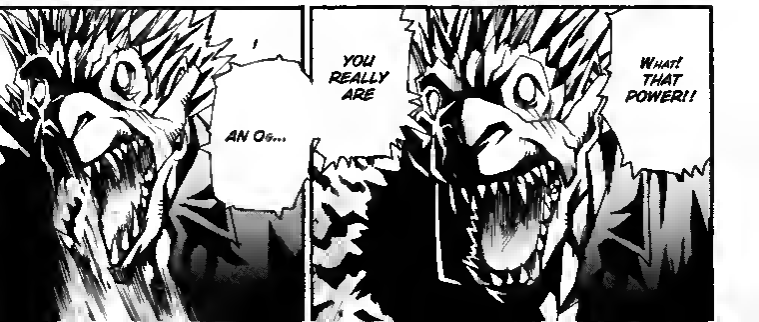
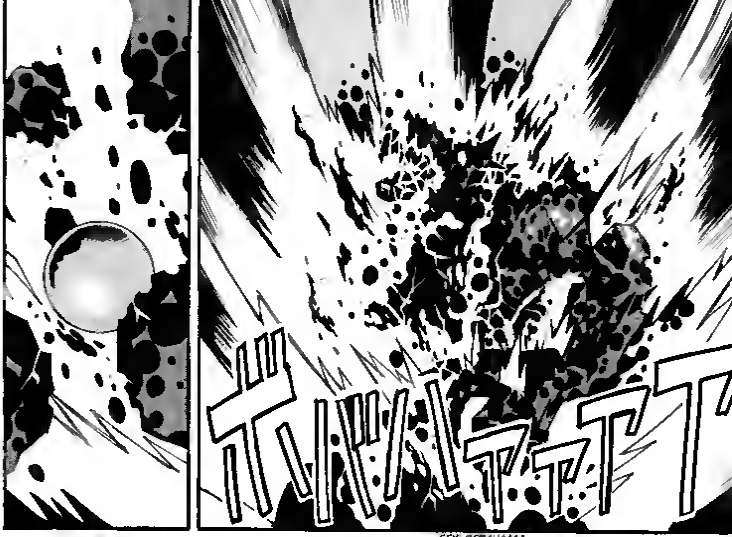
YOUR BODY THAT IS!!
!!
SFX DOOOOOO


SFX BI
DAMN!!
move...
My legs are cramped and won't..
It's no use

SFX. GAKIIIN


YOU REALLY ARE
AN Og...
WHAT! THAT POWER!!

SFX: ZABASHA
...BA...
ST...
ARD...


SFX: BOBAAAAAA

SFX: PIKI
!?

SFX: SHUUU - HIGG
?
SFX: PARIN
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SFX: GA
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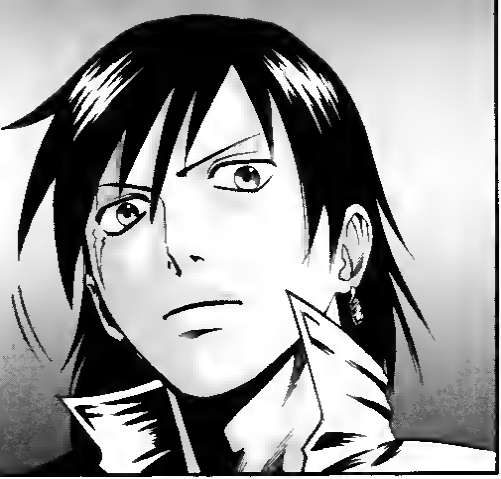

SFX: GU... CLENCH

!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SAVING...
U-UHM...
SFX: TA

SFX: BYUN
Uwgggg!!
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SO YOU ARE A
WHA-WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SFX. ZAZA

KILL YOU AS WELL!!
IT SEEMS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO...

...EH?

WOW, THAT WAS FAST. THANK DRUID FOR THAT. I WAS JUST ABOUT TO BECOME PREOCCUPIED WITH A NEW GAME, AND BAM! DRUID COMES WITH A FRESHLY TRANSLATED CHAPTER. :D EVEN MORE CONFUSING STUFF HAPPENS IN THIS CHAPTER BUT WORRY NOT, IT'LL ALL GET STRAIGHTENED OUT EVENTUALLY... I HOPE. -GIRSEJ

CHAPTER 3

JAGOU BELL

T/L NOTE: THE WORD "JAGOU" IS A MADE-UP JAPANESE WORD. IT CONSISTS OF TWO KANJI, THE FIRST MEANING SNAKE OR SERPENT. THE OTHER MEANING HARMONIZE, AGREE WITH OR COINCIDE. AS YOU WILL SEE LATER, THIS NAME SUITS THE BELL FAIRLY WELL.

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KILL?
KILL ME ?
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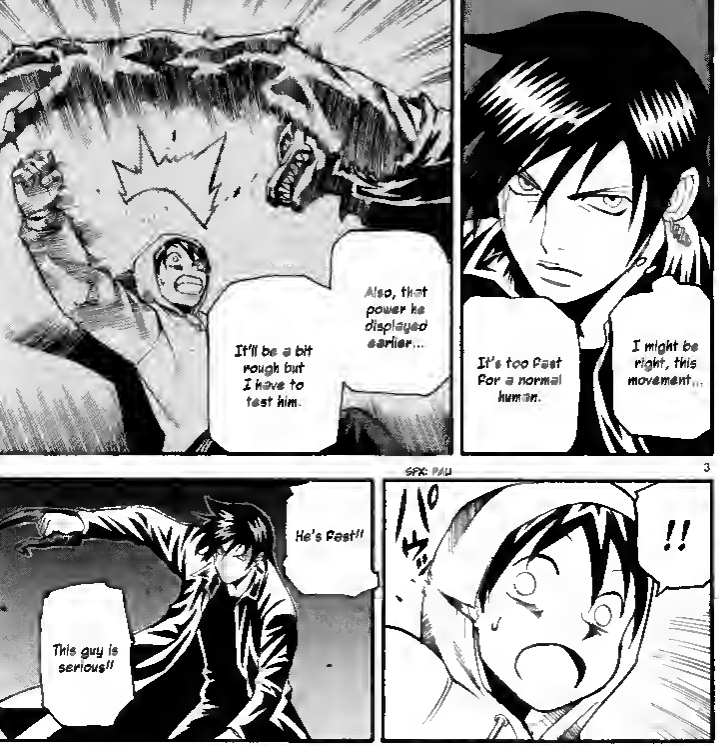
SFX: HYUN HYUN
WA!!
WA!!
WHY WOULD YOU DO SOM
!!


It'll be a bit rough but I have to test him.
Also, that power he displayed earlier...
It's too fast for a normal human.
I might be right, this movement...

SFX: PAU

I won't!!

I won't let that happen...

Why should I have to be killed!?

Why me?

!?
Kill him instead!!
SFX: WOOU
SFX: KIIN - BELL RINGING LOUDLY
!!
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SFX: HA
!?
JUST LIKE I THOUGHT.
He
How could I think something like that!?
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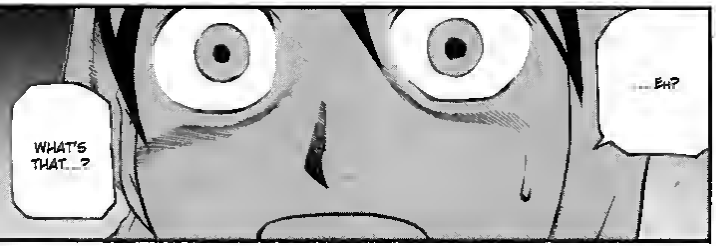
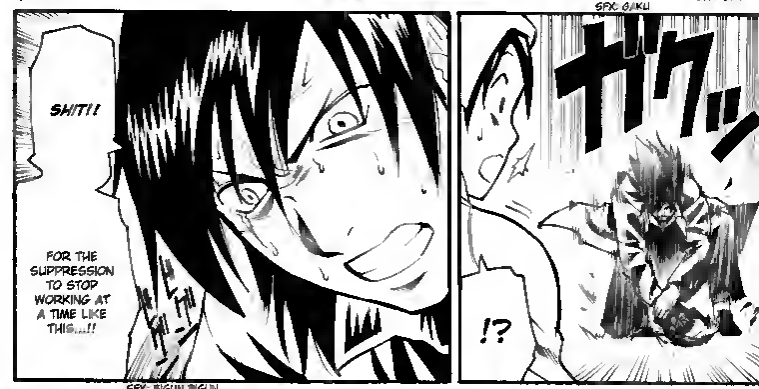
YOU'RE AN OGRE!!
カランコロン
THE FACT THAT THIS JAGOU BELL HAS SOUNDED MEANS,
THAT YOU'RE NOT HUMAN...
SFX: KASHUUUU


WHAT'S THAT...?
...EH?
SFX: GUGUGU

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YOU!!
BUT, SINCE THIS BELL HAS SOUNDED,
ARE YOU NOT CONCIOUS OF IT YET...
OR MAYBE YOU'RE PLAYING DUMB?

ビギャアアアア
!!
ギリリリ
GEH!!
SFX: BIGYAAA
SFX: GIRI


SHIT!!
FOR THE SUPPRESSION TO STOP WORKING AT A TIME LIKE THIS...!!
SFX: BIGUN BIGUN
SFX: GIKU
ガクッ
!?

SFX: DA
!!
だっ

OTHERWISE, AT SOME POINT YOU'RE GOING TO TURN INTO A MONSTER!
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THE FIRST VICTIMS WILL BE...
ガッ
HEY KID!! I'M SAYING THIS FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT!!
LET ME KILL YOU HERE AND NOW!!
YOUR OWN FAMILY!!
NO WAY!! THIS IS A DREAM!!
ALL OF THIS IS JUST A BAD DREAM!!
LIKE SOME-THING THAT MESSED UP COULD BE TRUE!!
ALL OF IT...

SFX: KOOOOO

!!
THE PLACE I SAW YESTERDAY IN MY...
THIS IS...

SFX: GOO
HOW DOES IT FEEL...
ゴゴッ
HAVING YOUR DESIRE COME TRUE?
YOU'RE... ZAKURO!

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?
I SUDDENLY BECOME IRRITABLE...
AND I SEEM TO BE ABLE TO CONSIDER DOING HORRIBLE THINGS WITHOUT FEELING GUILTY...
IT IS WHAT YOU DESIRED IS IT NOT?
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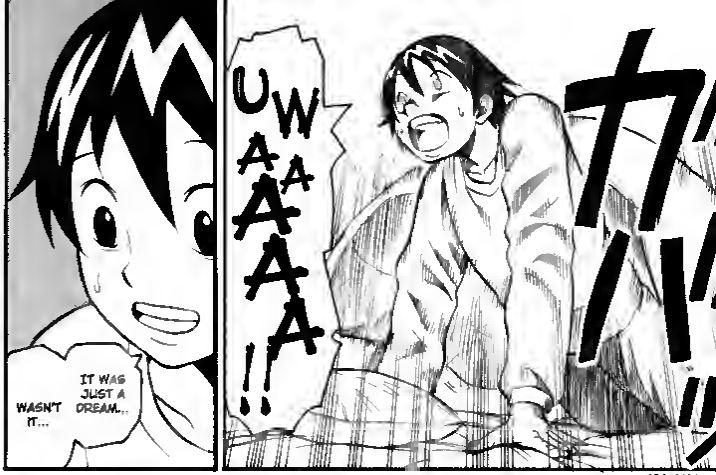
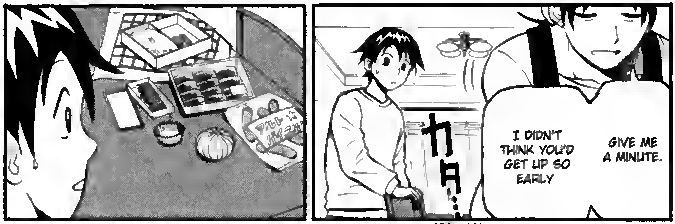
I NEVER DESIRED SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
RETURN ME BACK TO NORMAL!
IMPOSSIBLE
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE...
NO LONGER HUMAN



SFX: GABA

SFX: TON TON



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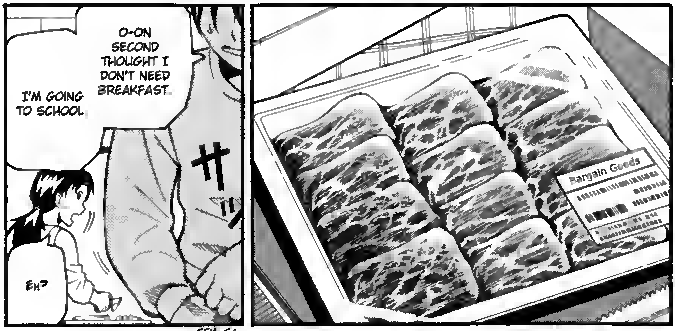

SFX: SA

I TOLD YOU I'M PERFECTLY NORMAL!!
HM!!

ISN'T IT JUST A REBELLIOUS PHASE?
REALLY, I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HIM...

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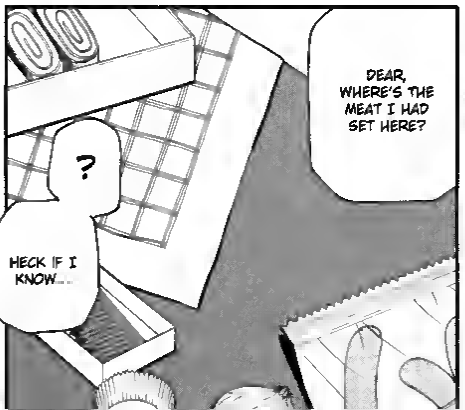
SFX: DA


DEAR, WHERE'S THE MEAT I HAD SET HERE?
?
HECK IF I KNOW...

I WONDER IF THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT...
HUH?

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クチャ
...I'M NOT STRANGE...
SFX: KUCHA KUCHA
SFX: BA GA
I'M NORMAL!!
THIS IS SOMETHING THAT'S EATEN ALL THE TIME
I'm...
EVERYONE EATS IT
!
THAT'S RIGHT, THE SAME AS...
I'M THE SAME AS ALWAYS...

SAKI!!

...

SFX GAYA GAYA
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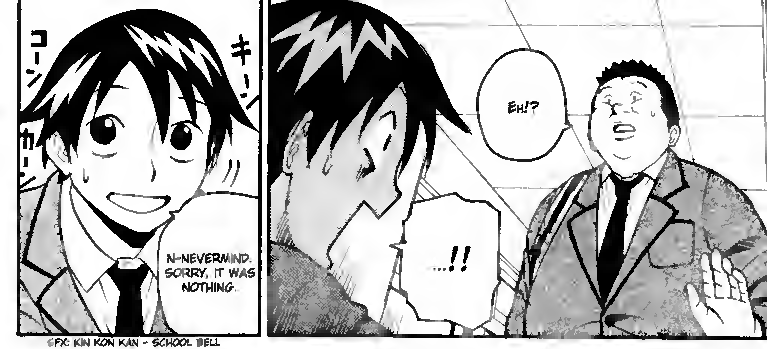
1-4
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
TODAY, IT SEEMS A TRANSFER STUDENT IS JOINING THIS CLASS
GOOD MORNING
...

Meat!!
Meat...
...That's meat...
Every last one of them is meat!!
Everyone looks like meat...
MEAT!
MEAT!
MEAT!!

SFX. DO

MEAT!!
WHAT DO YOU WANT!?
'SUP, SAKURA!
DO

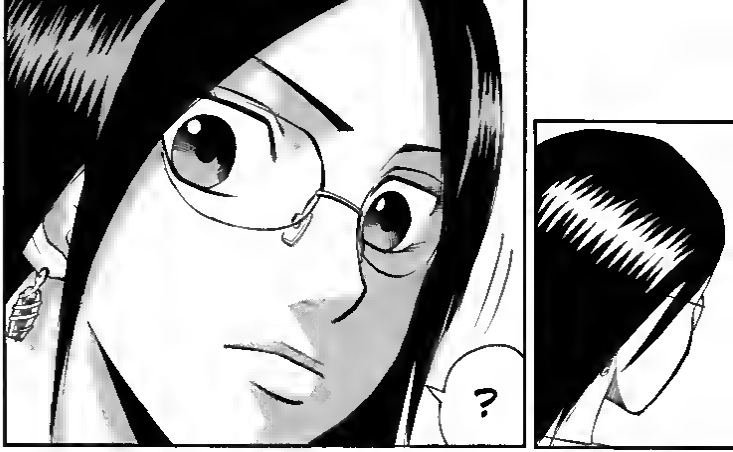


SFX: KIN KON KAN - SCHOOL BELL

SFX: GATA GATA - STUDENTS GETTING SEATED

THIS IS HIMEWA AZAMI-SAN FROM NOW ON SHE WILL BE A MEMBER OF THIS CLASS.
EVERYONE, PLEASE GET ALONG WITH HER.
PLEASE USE THE DESK IN THE BACK THAT'S BEEN PREPARED FOR YOU
HAI.
She's cute.
GEEZ, BOYS!
SHE'S GOT A GOOD FEEL TO HER, DON'T YOU THINK?
SFX. SU...

I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YOU!!
SINCE THIS BELL HAS SOUNDED
That's...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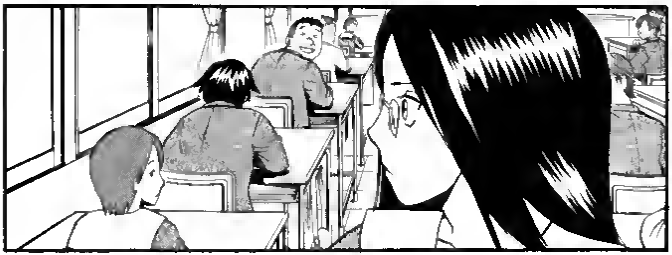

Why is that girl...
Uwa, SHE'S LOOKING THIS WAY! LUCKY!
wearing that bell...?

ENTER THE MYSTERIOUS BUT BEAUTIFUL GIRL. WHAT IS HER RELATION TO THE MAN WHO TRIED TO KILL MIKITO? AND WHY DOES HE FEAST ON RAW MEAT? SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES? I WISH I KNEW -_- HURRY UP AND TRANSLATE DRUID XD -GIRSEJ

YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND. HOW MANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE GIR TO HAVE LOTS OF WORK TO DO? ;D -DRUID

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SCANS & T/L: DRUID
EDIT: GIRSEJ

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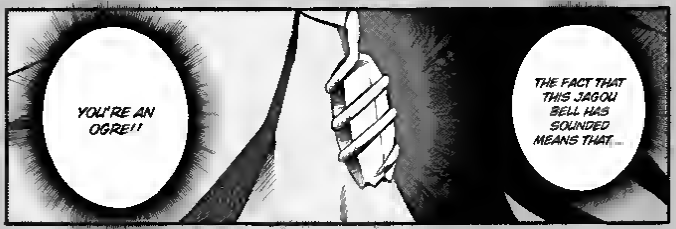

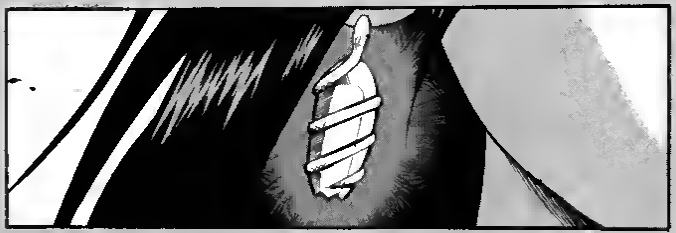

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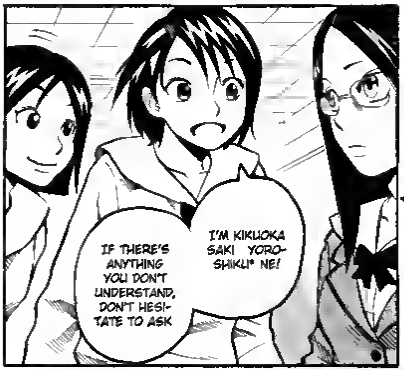
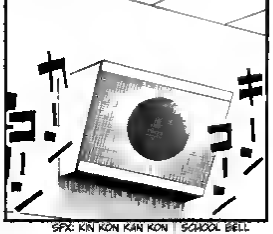
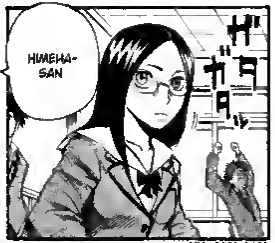
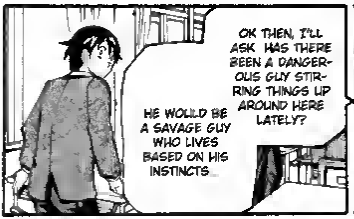


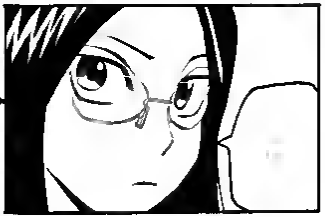


SFX: KIN KON KAN KON / SCHOOL BELL



SFX: GATA GATA


HE WOULD BE A SAVAGE GUY WHO LIVES BASED ON HIS INSTINCTS...
OK THEN, I'LL ASK. HAS THERE BEEN A DANGEROUS GUY STIRRING THINGS UP AROUND HERE LATELY?



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TN: NOTE: "YOROSHIKU" IS A SET PHRASE THAT DOESN'T HAVE ANY NATURAL SOUNDING TRANSLATION IN ENGLISH. BASICALLY IT MEANS "I'M IN YOUR HANDS" OR "TREAT ME WELL".

I-I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYONE LIKE THAT...
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THAT TYPE OF PERSON?
"INTERESTED" ISN'T REALLY THE RIGHT WORD
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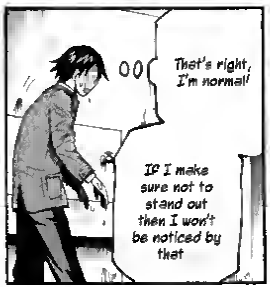
SFX: PATA
IF YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING THEN THAT'S FINE.
I'LL BE GOING IF YOU DON'T MIND.

T/L NOTE: HEAVY BREATHING



IS THIS REALLY THE GUY THAT MESSED YOU GUYS UP?
WHAT'S THIS, HE LOOKS LIKE A COMPLETE WIMP
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, SENPAI!!

No way..!!
If I cause another disturbance at a place like this..
She'll sense it!!

I-I'M BEGGING YOU...
WHAT?
U-Uuuu...
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PLEASE.
DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY!
DON'T SCREW AROUND WITH US!!
WE'RE THE ONE'S THAT'RE PISSED OFF!!
HUUH?
SFX: BA
SFX: BA
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GET BACK HERE!!
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WHO SAID YOU COULD RUN AWAY!!
SFX: DAA
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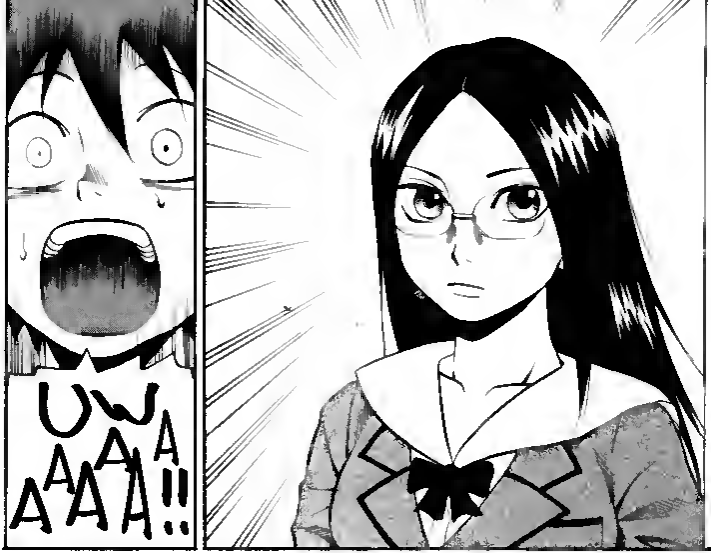
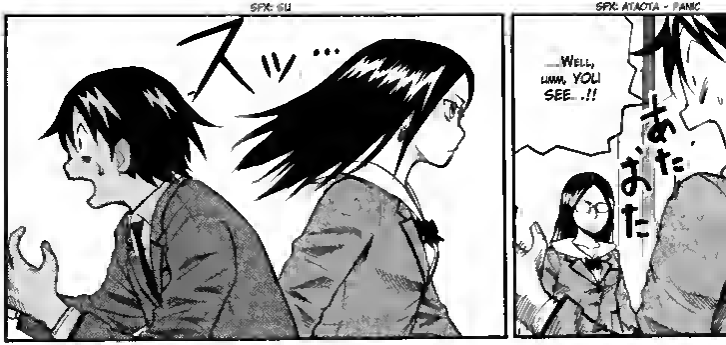
If that transfer student finds out about this...
Please, don't get involved with me!


UWAAAAAA!!


SFX: GU
スッ…
SFX: ATACTA - PANIC
...WELL, UMM, YOU SEE...!!
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SFX: KU
GET YOUR ASS BA...
クッ
SFX: DADADADA
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?

SFX. DOFAAN
NOT HIM.
SFX. DOGA
...!!

SFX: BEGYA
DON'T THINK YOU CAN GET IN OUR WAY...
WHA...! WHAT'S THIS GIRL DOING!!
SFX: DOGO
SFX: BA
NOT THIS GUY...
OR THIS GUY!!
!?
SFX: GAN
SFX: SHU
NOT YOU EITHER.
YOU...!!

Oh!!
SFX. HYUN
Hey, what are you guys doing getting beat by a
SFX. ZA
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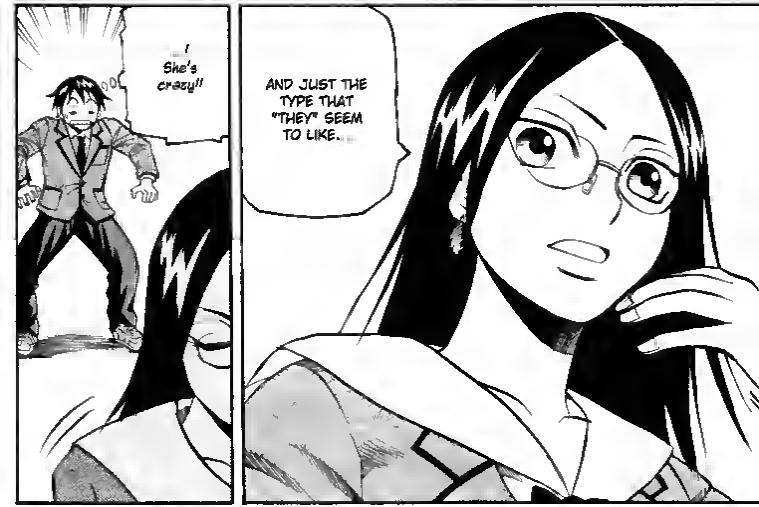
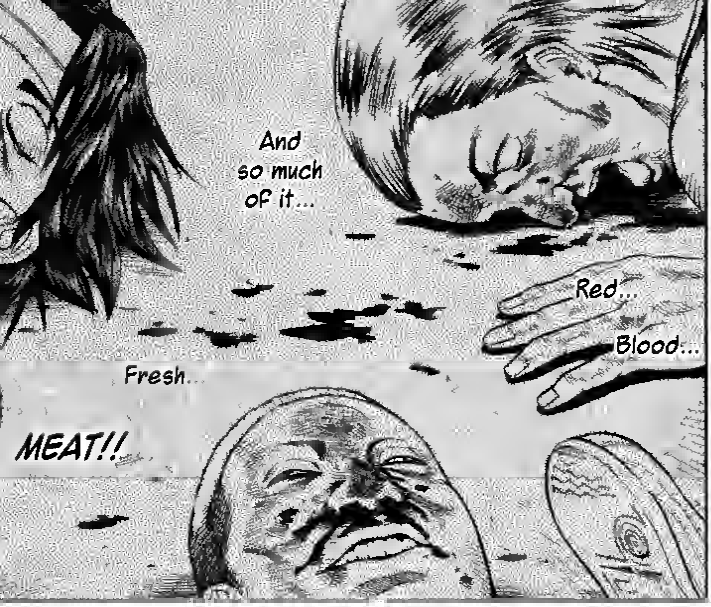
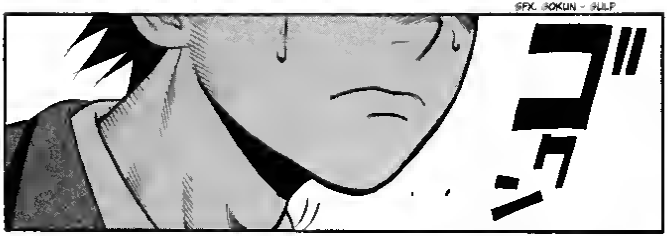
That...
Ha... do you really think you can beat me with a kick like...
SFX. MEGI

SAVAGE, QUICK-TEMPERED, LOW-LIFE HUMANS...
THE RESPONSE I GET IS JUST TOO WEAK.
NONE OF THEM.
NOT THIS ONE EITHER.
SFX: DO


...! She's crazy!!
AND JUST THE TYPE THAT "THEY" SEEM TO LIKE...

To think she defeated that number of people without even breaking a sweat...


And so much of it...
Red...
Blood...
Fresh...
MEAT!!


SFX. GOKUN - GULP
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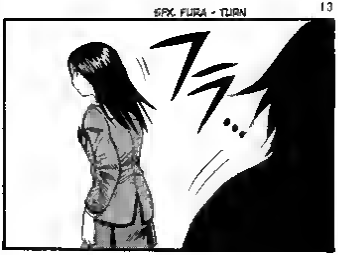
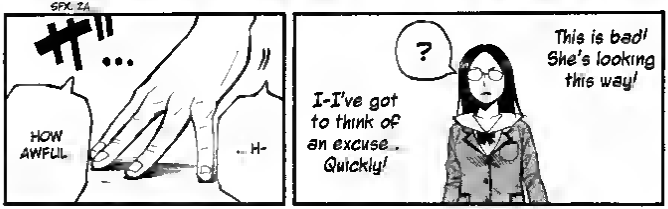
Hey, YOU OVER THERE!!


SFX. FURA - TURN

W-What am I doing...!?
SFX: HA - REALIZATION


SFX: ZA
HOW AWFUL...
...H-
I-I've got to think of an excuse... Quickly!
?
This is bad! She's looking this way!

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I did the same kind of thing though...
E-EVEN IF THEY ARE DELIN-QUENTS...
KICKING THEM ALL OF A SUDDEN FOR NO REASON...

THIS MUCH IS NO BIG DEAL
AFTER ALL, IF I DON'T FIND IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...
THINGS THAT ARE MUCH MORE TERRIBLE WILL HAPPEN.
Are these ogres that those two are searching for
really so dangerous!?

YOU'RE NOT MIKITO!

STATE YOUR DESIRE!!

Everything has become weird!!
...That's right!! Ever since I had that dream...

ANYWAY, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT ABOUT WHAT JUST HAPPENED!
IT WOULD MAKE THINGS DIFFICULT IF PEOPLE KNEW.

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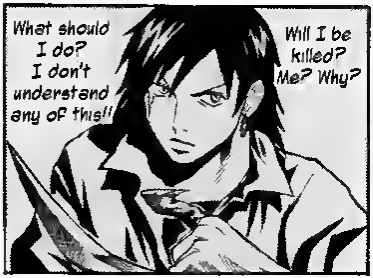
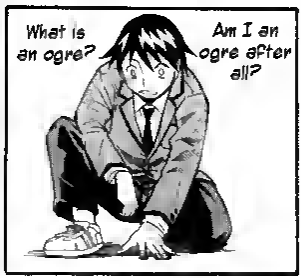

What should I do? I don't understand any of this!!
Will I be killed? Me? Why?


What is an ogre?
Am I an ogre after all?

WAIT!!

I HAVE...
SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT!

RELEASING BACK TO BACK? AREN'T YOU LUCKY! ;D THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL CAN FIGHT TOO, HUH. SHE'S A LOT MORE INTERESTING THAN SAKI. THAT'S FOR SURE. BAH, CHILDHOOD FRIENDS CHARACTER, TOO MANY OF THOSE IN MANGA AND ANIME -_- -GIRSEJ

CHAPTER 5
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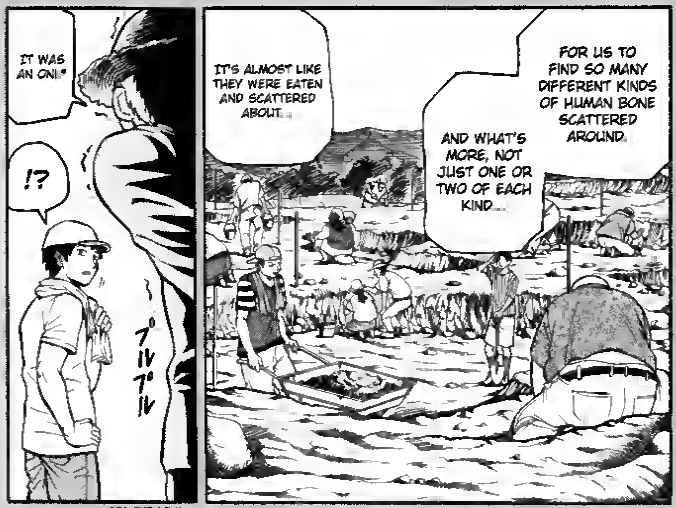
IT WAS AN ONI.*
!?
プルプル
IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY WERE EATEN AND SCATTERED ABOUT...
AND WHAT'S MORE, NOT JUST ONE OR TWO OF EACH KIND...
FOR US TO FIND SO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF HUMAN BONE SCATTERED AROUND.

SFX: PURU PURU

T/L NOTE ON ARE FABULOUS CREATURES FROM JAPANESE FOLKLORE, SIMILAR TO WESTERN DEMONS OR OGRES. LEARN MORE AT HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/ONI_%28JAPANESE_FOLKLORE%29

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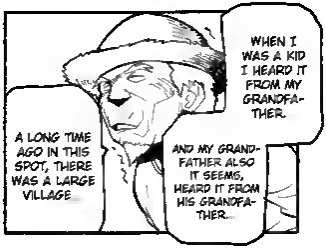
Hmm, that sounds pretty interesting I'd like to hear about that.
You'd better watch out, old people's stories are long

In this area...
There's a legend about a man-eating oni.

He was rather normal and didn't particularly stand out in any way.
And in that village there was a lone young man.


When I was a kid I heard it from my grandfather.
And my grandfather also it seems, heard it from his grandfather...
A long time ago in this spot, there was a large village...

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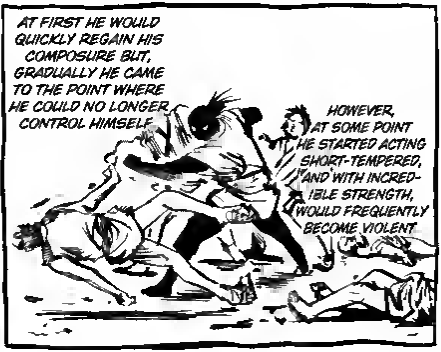
And finally...
Gyaaaaa


At first he would quickly regain his composure but, gradually he came to the point where he could no longer control himself.
However, at some point he started acting short-tempered, and with incredible strength, would frequently become violent.

WAS SAID TO BE NONE OTHER THAN THAT OF AN ON!
IN ONE NIGHT, HE DEVOURED DOZENS OF VILLAGERS, SCATTERING THEIR BONES ABOUT. HIS APPEARANCE.

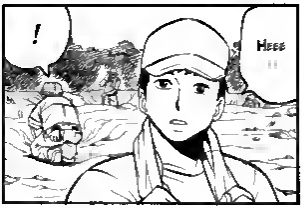
S-SO AFTER THAT... WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?

Nasty!

SFX. ZA
BUT YOU KNOW...
IT'S JUST A MADE-UP STORY.
IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN WHO TOLD THE STORY TO BEGIN WITH?

AFTER ALL, IT SEEMS NEARLY ALL OF THE VILLAGERS WERE EATEN.
WHO KNOWS.

SO THAT'S WHY I CAN'T THINK THAT IT'S JUST SOME MADE-UP STORY...
THROUGHOUT JAPAN, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD EVEN, THE SAME KIND OF STORY REMAINS.



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WELL... JUST NOW, WE HEARD ABOUT IT FROM AN OLD MAN FROM THIS AREA...
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
OR COULD IT BE THIS IS THE TRUE FORM OF THAT ONI...

CHAPTER 5 SEED

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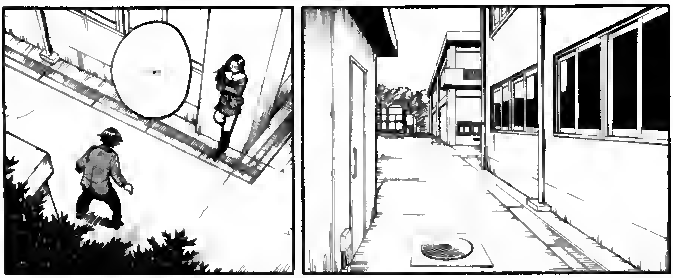

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BYE THEN
IS YOUR CURIOSITY SATISFIED?
SEE,
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU?
W-W-W...
WAIT A SECOND!
S-SO THEN...
IF SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS REALLY HERE AT THIS SCHOOL, THEN THAT'S TERRIBLE!!
WELL, UMM, THAT IS...
I-IT'S CERTAINLY HARD TO BELIEVE BUT...
My mind has gone completely blank!
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME MORE DETAILS ABOUT THAT O-OGRE...?

But... she might know of a way to turn me back to normal...
I can't believe I'm voluntarily getting closer to someone who very well might be after my life...
Otherwise, someday I'll also...
I'LL TELL YOU MORE THEN
FINE
BUT IN RETURN...
YOU'LL HAVE TO HELP ME OUT.
?

HELP ME TO LOCATE THE OGRE.
O-Okay
SFX: SU
OGRES USED TO BE HUMAN...
WELL, IT WOULD BE MORE CORRECT TO SAY THEY TRANSFORMED FROM A HUMAN.
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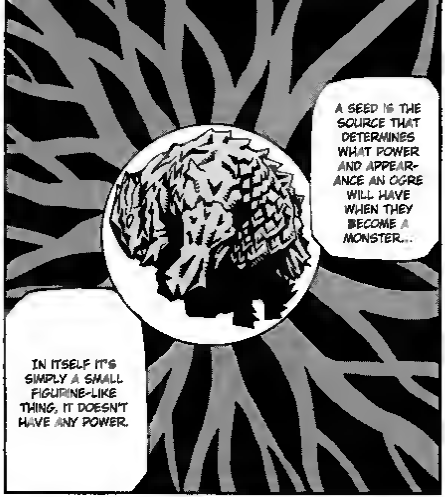
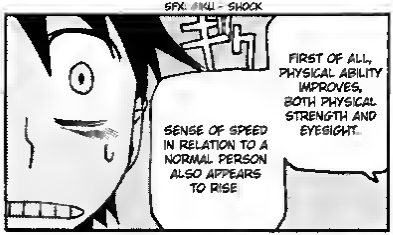
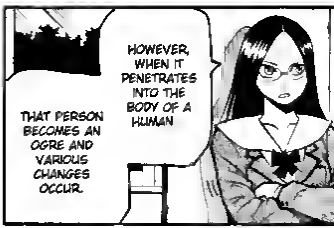
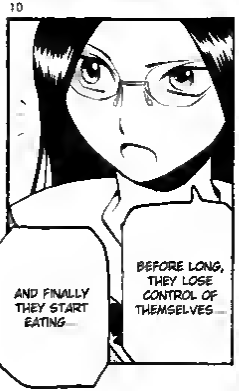
You will be greater than human.
...
WHEN THEY DON'T SHOW THEIR REAL NATURE THEY LOOK LIKE THEY ARE HUMAN.
HOWEVER, THEY ARE VERY DIFFERENT FROM HUMANS.
THAT IS AN OGRE.


A SEED IS THE SOURCE THAT DETERMINES WHAT POWER AND APPEARANCE AN OGRE WILL HAVE WHEN THEY BECOME A MONSTER...
IN ITSELF IT'S SIMPLY A SMALL FIGURINE-LIKE THING, IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY POWER.

SFX: GYU - SHOCK


FIRST OF ALL, PHYSICAL ABILITY IMPROVES, BOTH PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND EYESIGHT.
SENSE OF SPEED IN RELATION TO A NORMAL PERSON ALSO APPEARS TO RISE





WHAT'S MORE, THEIR APPETITE BECOMES ABNORMALLY LARGE, AND THEY START TO THINK OF HUMANS AS A KIND OF FOOD.
AS FOR PERSONALITY, AGGRESSIVENESS INCREASES AND THEY DEVELOP A SHORT-TEMPER. THEY BEGIN TO EASILY ENTERTAIN THOUGHTS OF KILLING OTHER PEOPLE.

SFX: HAA HAA— RAGGED BREATHING
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK PALE
I-IT'S NOTHING AT ALL
S-SO THEN...
HOW CAN AN OGRE TURN BACK INTO A HUMAN?
THERE'S NO WAY OF DOING THAT...
...
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IN OTHER WORDS...
ONCE AN OGRE'S SEED ENTERS A HUMAN'S BODY, UNTIL THAT PERSON DIES IT CANNOT BE TAKEN OUT.
...EH?

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE A HUMAN WHO'S BECOME AN OGRE,
IS TO KILL THEM!!
CUT THEIR BODY TO PIECES,
RECOVER THE OGRE'S SEED AND PREVENT THE BIRTH OF NEW OGRES...
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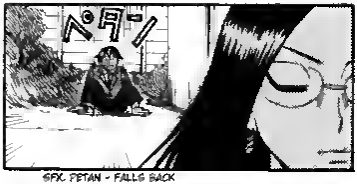
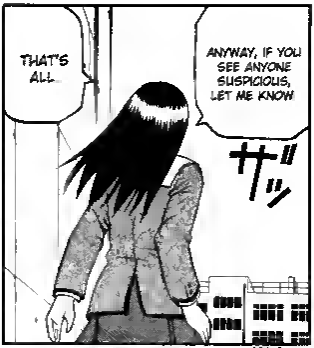
THAT IS...
MY DUTY.



SFX. PETAN - FALLS BACK



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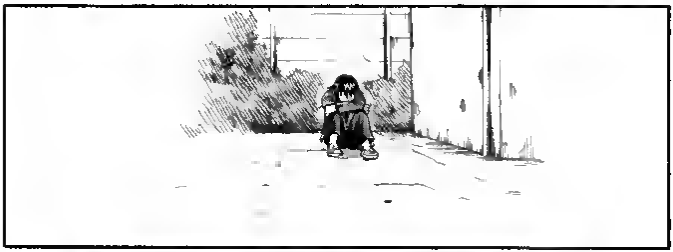
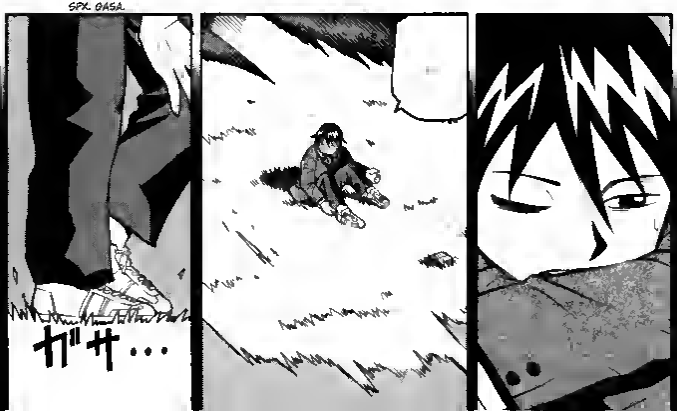


SFX. GASA



ZAKURO...
HE ISN'T AROUND?
SFX: FURA

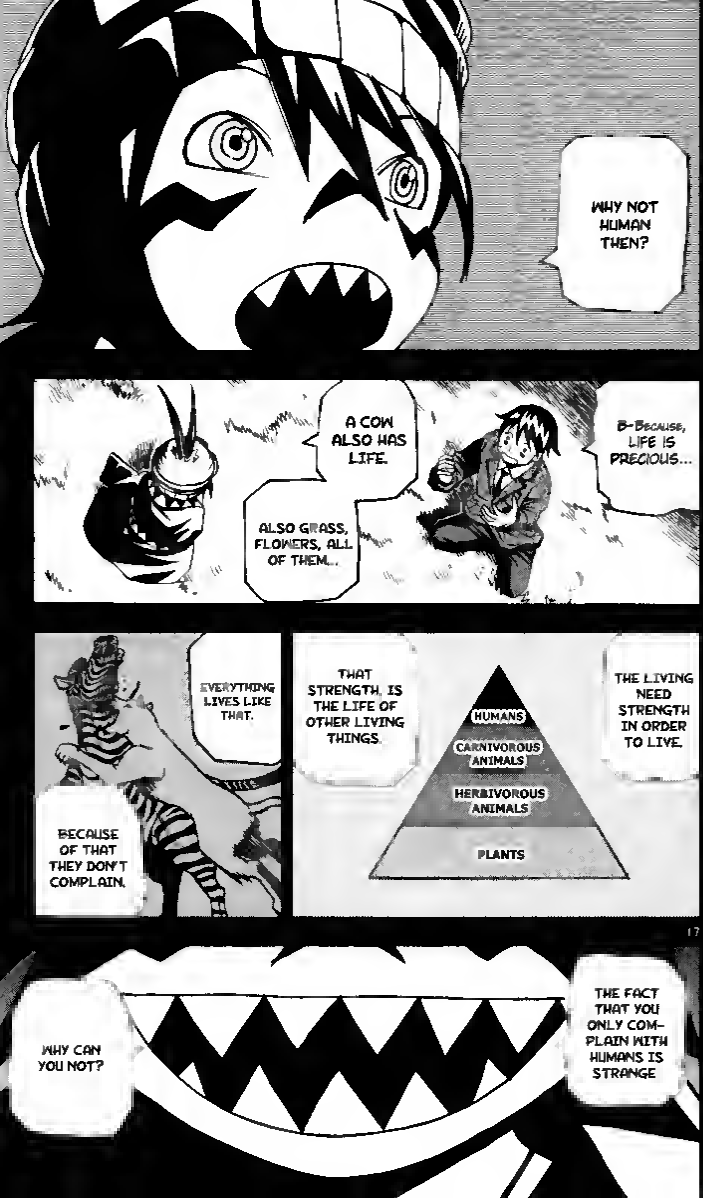
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
...WHAT...
SFX: DO

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ZAKURO...!!
LOOK!
BECAUSE YOU TAKE YOUR TIME IT DOES NOT BLOOM.
ZAKURO...
IN ORDER TO MAKE THOSE FLOWERS BLOOM...

YOU...
WANT ME TO E-EAT PEOPLE?

ALL YOU NEED DO IS FOLLOW YOUR INSTINCTS.
IF YOU WANT TO GET MAD, GET MAD.
IF YOU WANT TO EAT, EAT.
THAT IS DRAW OUT THE POWER OF YOUR DESIRE.

BUT THAT'S...
EARLIER, YOU ATE MEAT, RIGHT?
BUT THAT WAS COW'S...


WHY NOT HUMAN THEN?
B-BECAUSE, LIFE IS PRECIOUS...
A COW ALSO HAS LIFE.
ALSO GRASS, FLOWERS, ALL OF THEM...
EVERYTHING LIVES LIKE THAT.
BECAUSE OF THAT THEY DON'T COMPLAIN.
THAT STRENGTH, IS THE LIFE OF OTHER LIVING THINGS.
THE LIVING NEED STRENGTH IN ORDER TO LIVE.
HUMANS
CARNIVOROUS ANIMALS
HERBIVOROUS ANIMALS
PLANTS
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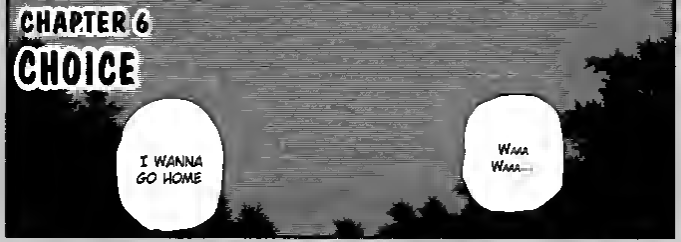
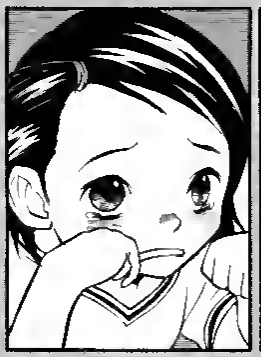
WHY CAN YOU NOT?
THE FACT THAT YOU ONLY COMPLAIN WITH HUMANS IS STRANGE

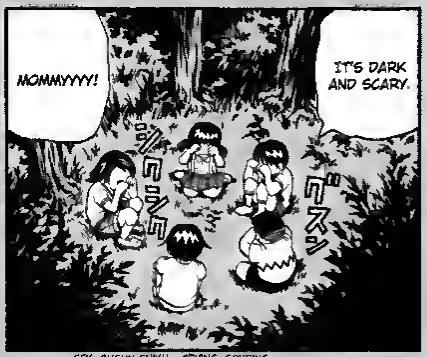
A HUMAN... EATING A FELLOW HUMAN...
I'M HUMAN!!
I... I JUST CAN'T...
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD...
DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?
A FELLOW HUMAN? YOU ARE WRONG!!

YOU ARE NO LONGER HUMAN!!

YAY, MORE KUROZAKURO!
MORE INFORMATION=MORE DESPAIR FOR MIKITO ;P
- GIRSEJ



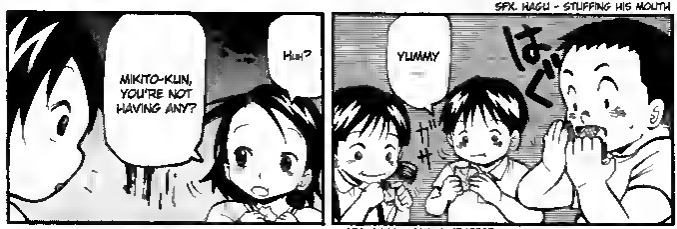




SFX. GUGUN SHIKU - CRYING COUGHING
SFX. GA - SHACK

SFX. HIKKU HIKKU - CHOKED SOBBING

SFX. GASA - RUMMAGING IN POCKET



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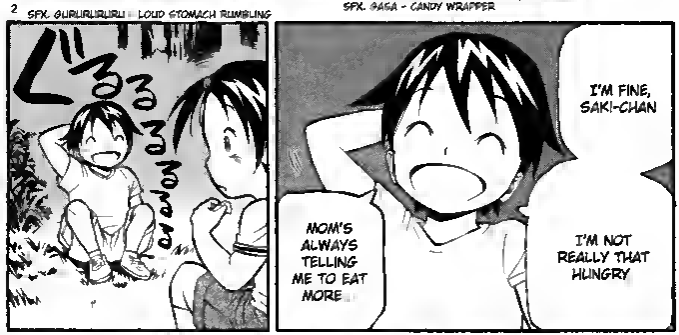
SFX. GURURURURU - LOUD STOMACH RUMBLING
SFX. GAGA - CANDY WRAPPER
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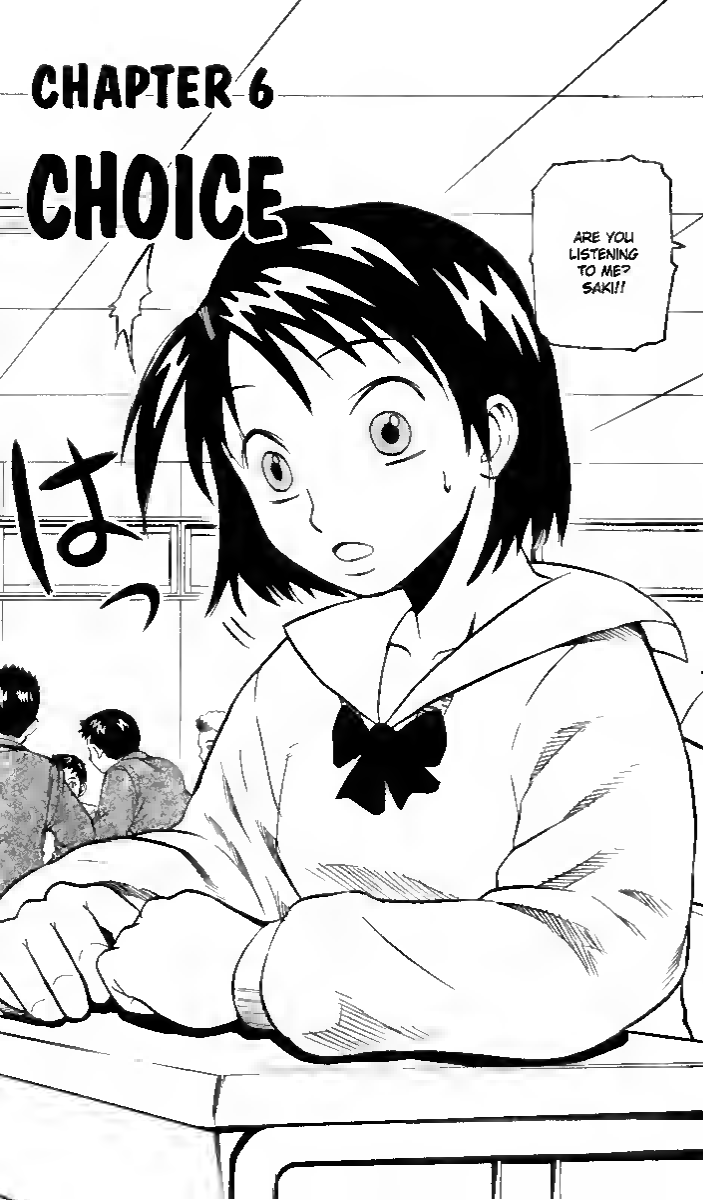
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CHOICE
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME? SAKI!!
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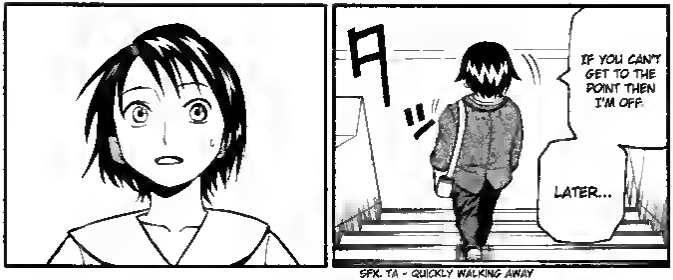
SFX: HA - REAL-IZATION

W-WHAT WERE YOU SAYING?
OH... SORRY, MIZUHO
DID YOU HEAR WHAT I JUST SAID?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, SPACING OUT LIKE THAT
4
SFX. GATA - DESK RUSTLING
W-...WAIT, SAKI!?
SHE'S PRETTY RUDE, DON'T YOU THINK..
!
SO YOU SEE, I INVITED THAT TRANSFER STUDENT,
AND SHE COLDLY TURNED ME DOWN
SFX. DA - DASH
MIKITO!!

LATELY YOU'VE BEEN KIND OF STRANGE.
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU?
WHAT?
UMM, WELL...
...YOU KNOW, SAKI...
WELL, I WAS OUT OF LINE SLAPPING YOU THAT TIME BUT...
...


IF YOU CAN'T GET TO THE POINT THEN I'M OFF.
LATER...
SFX. TA - QUICKLY WALKING AWAY

The way things are now...
Saki... Please stay away from me...

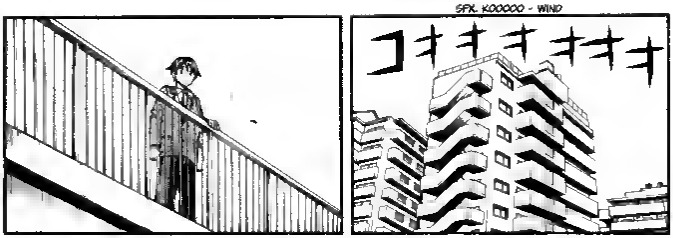
I might kill you!!

YOU ARE NO LONGER HUMAN.
I'm not...
me anymore!
IF I'm going to turn into a monster called an "Ogre" then...
THE FIRST SACRIFICE WILL BE YOUR OWN BODY!
YOU,
POSSESS THE SAME FEELING THAT I DO...
IF I'm not able to return to normal then...
A MAN-EATING ONI...
THAT'S AN OGRE!
A WAY TO RETURN AN OGRE BACK TO NORMAL?
THERE IS NONE!

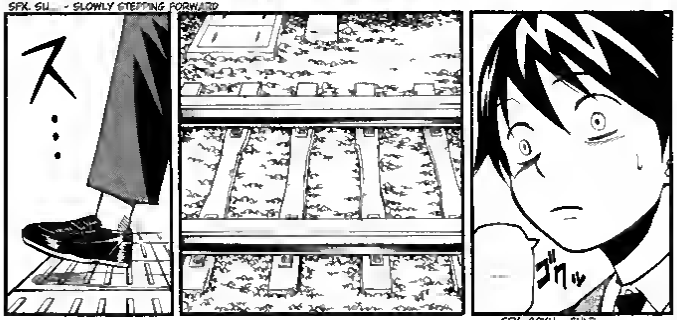
The only option left is...

So that no one gets hurt...

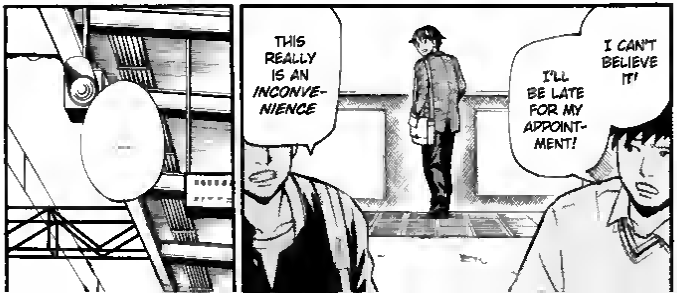
For me to
disappear.



SFX. SU... - SLOWLY STEPPING FORWARD



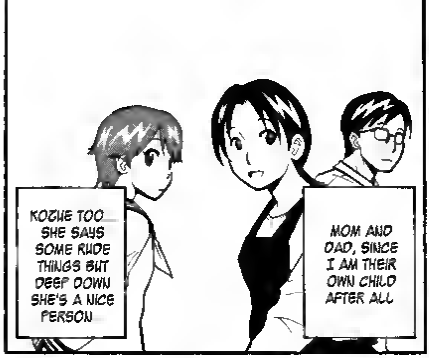
WE'RE SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS MAY CAUSE BUT PLEASE WAIT A WHILE LONGER
ハァ…
DUE TO A FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE OUTBOUND LINE, DEPARTURE HAS BEEN POSTPONED
ATTENTION PLEASE
SFX. HA



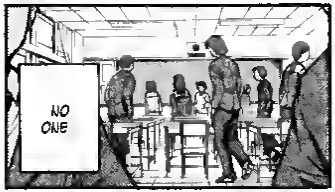
BUT, THAT KIND OF PLACE...
I WANT TO DISAPPEAR QUIETLY WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING...
IF I'M GOING TO DISAP-PEAR THEN I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANYONE ANY TROUBLE DOING IT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S THIS SMALL...
IT SEEMED SO BIG THAT TIME WHEN WE WERE LOST...
SFX: ZA... - FOOTSTEP ON GRASS

...
SFX: DOSA - FLOP

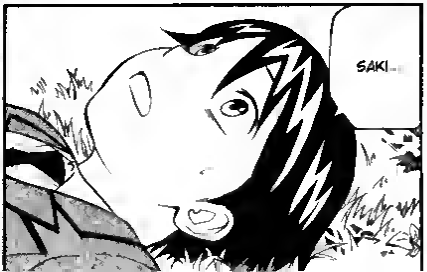

KOZUE TOO SHE SAYS SOME RUDE THINGS BUT DEEP DOWN SHE'S A NICE PERSON
MOM AND DAD, SINCE I AM THEIR OWN CHILD AFTER ALL

IF I DIS-APPEAR,
I GUESS THERE WILL BE PEOPLE THAT ARE SAD


NO ONE

BUT, OTHER PEOPLE

SFX. BA
SFX. GAGA -
!?
MIKITO?


SAKI...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING AT A PLACE LIKE THIS!?
...SAKI!
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?

H-HOW ABOUT YOU...?
EH? WELL
FOR SOME REASON I JUST FELT LIKE STOPPING BY HERE...

YOU'LL MAKE ME THINK YOU CAME HERE TO HANG YOURSELF OR SOMETHING!!
G-...GEEZ, MIKITO! IF YOU HAVE SUCH A DEPRESSED LOOK IN AN ISOLATED PLACE LIKE THIS..

THAT TIME WHEN WE WERE LITTLE AND GOT LOST HERE.
...Nee, DO YOU REMEMBER?
BUT THERE'S NO WAY THAT YOU WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO WASN'T CRYING AND HAD A CALM FACE.
THAT TIME, EVERYONE, EVEN THE KID WHO BOSSED US AROUND, WAS CRYING AND CALLING FOR THEIR MOM..
EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE HUNGRY AS WELL..
YOU GAVE US ALL THE CANDY YOU'D BROUGHT TO CALM OUR ANXIETY...
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AT THAT TIME, I THOUGHT YOU WERE AMAZING...
THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

HOWEVER, YOU NEVER CHANGED A BIT FROM HOW YOU WERE AS A KID.
THAT KIND OF UGLY BEHAVIOR SLOWLY ROSE TO THE SURFACE.
KICKING OTHER PEOPLE DOWN, LOOKING AT OTHERS WITH CONTEMPT.
AS EVERYONE GOT OLDER,
THEY GRADUALLY CAME TO THINK ONLY ABOUT THEMSELVES
EVEN WITH THAT, YOU WOULD SYMPATHIZE WITH OTHERS.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENED NEVER GETTING ANGRY, JUST SMILING.
AND PEOPLE PASSING BY WOULD PRETEND NOT TO SEE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED...
THOSE SELF-CENTERED PEOPLE WOULD MAKE A FOOL OUT OF YOU AND ABUSE YOU.
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WHENEVER I SAW IT MADE ME SO FRUSTRATED...!
I... I COULDN'T FORGIVE THAT!
SFX. GU - CLENCH

I'M ALRIGHT
So.
SFX: NIKO - SMILE
Uuuu...
AHH, GEEZ!!
THAT ISN'T WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT...
SFX: GASA
SAKI...
THAT'S ENOUGH...
DON'T SAY THAT YOU'RE ALRIGHT WHEN YOUR NOT!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "ALRIGHT"!?
INSTEAD OF OTHERS, THINK ABOUT YOURSELF MORE!!
THAT WAY, YOU CAN SHIFT THE BLAME TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU AND NOT FEEL RESPONSIBLE!!
YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING THAT IT'LL BE ALRIGHT IF YOU JUST PERSEVERE LIKE ALWAYS!

I'm no longer human.

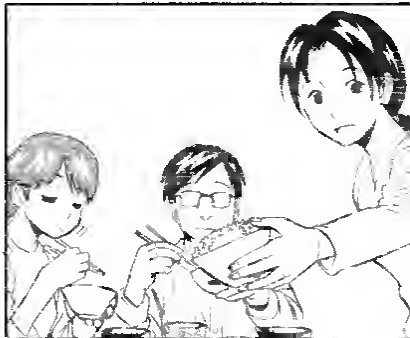
The way things are going I'll turn into a monster and attack everyone...

Therefore there's no choice but for me to die...

For everyone's sake Everyone's..

I-I'm...

I'm...



I DON'T WANT TO DIE!!
I WANT TO LIVE!!
...I...
I..
SFX: GU

HUH?

I...
WANT TO LIVE MUCH, MUCH LONGER...
...THAT'S RIGHT...
THE THOUGHT OF DYING SCARES ME!

What the heck is he talking about?
?
It'd be a pain if he goes back to being bullied like he was...
I WANT TO RETURN TO MY OLD LIFE!!
I'm going to live!
That's right! I'm...

SFX. GOOOOO - INTENSITY
For my own benefit!!

THIS TOOK A LONG TIME BUT I'LL GUESS THAT'LL MAKE YOU ENJOY IT EVEN MORE :D NOW THAT DRUID'S REALLY BACK IT MEANS NO MORE SLACKING FOR ME, SO EXPECT MORE RELEASES OF KUROZAKURO AND OUR OTHER STUFF

- GIRSEJ

SFX: DO

SFX: KYAAAAAAA

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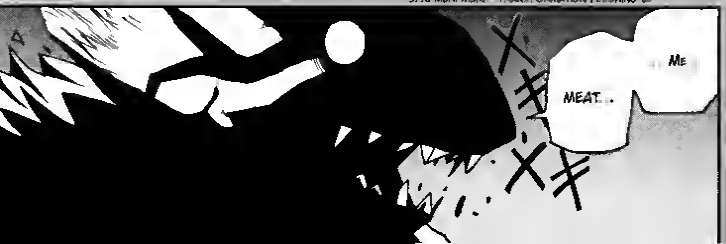
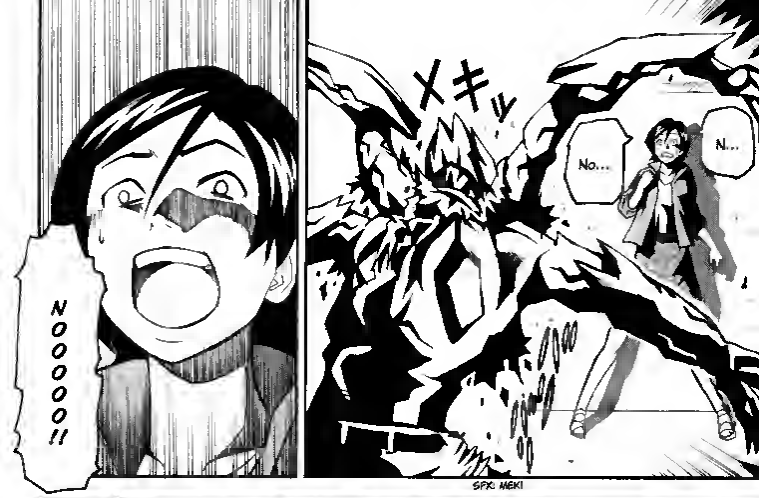
SFX: BOAAAA

SFX: ZURUU - SECOND PAIR OF ARMS COMING OUT

SFX: GOGOGOGO - INTENSITY

SFX: MEKI MEKI - TRANSFORMATION FINISHING UP





SFX: MEKI

SFX: KIIIIN — LONG HIGH PITCHED RING

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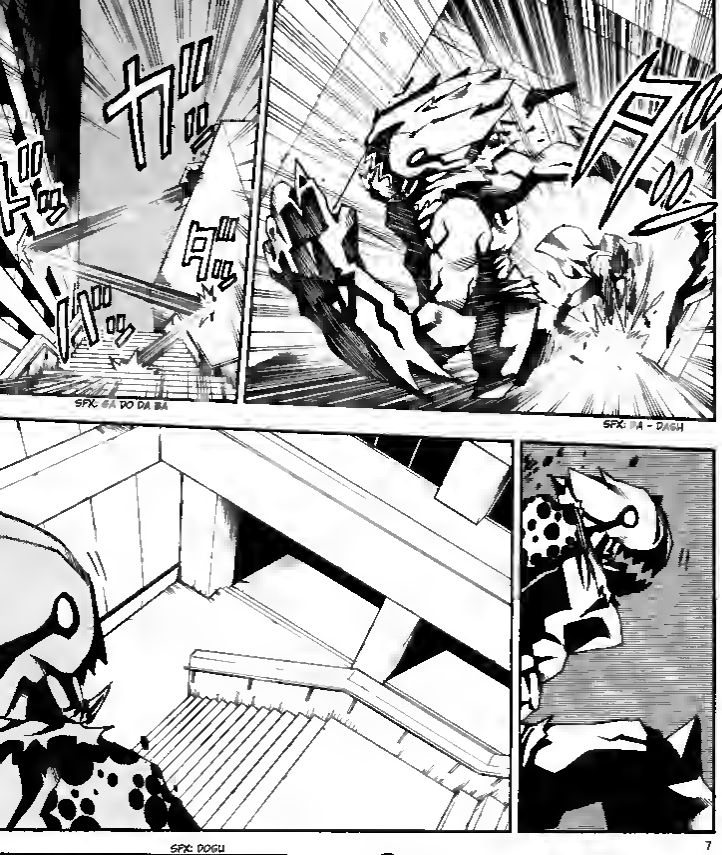
CHAPTER 7

HUNTER

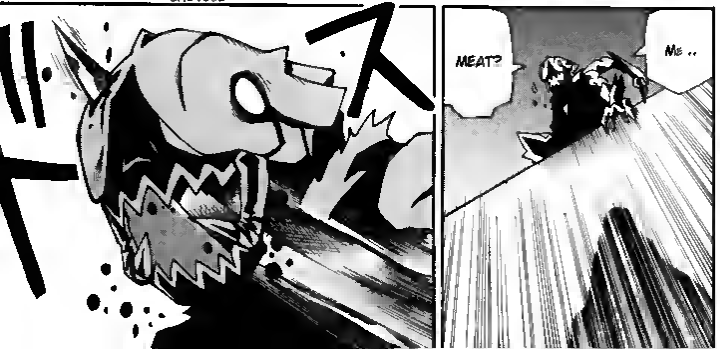
!!
SFX: GYUU - QUICK STAB
SFX: GAKIN - IMPACT
GAH!
SFX: PAPA - SMACK
SFX: ZAZAZAZA - SLIDING BACKWARDS

SFX: GOBAAA - DASH FORWARD
MEAT!!
MEAT...
...Me...
SFX: KIIN
DAMN OGRE...
SFX: SHIRIRI
SFX: DONIA - RUNNING AWAY
!!
AH..

!!
MEAT
RUN AWAY
SFX. ZABA - SPLASH OF BLOOD
SFX. BOA
!!


SFX: DA DO DA BA
SFX: DA - DAGH

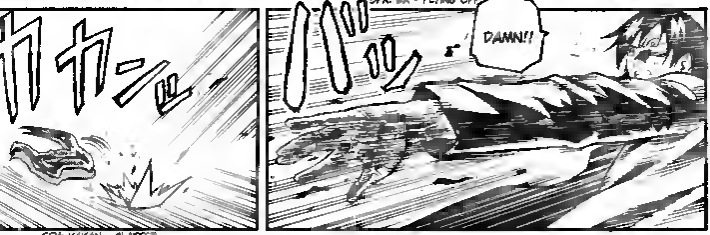
SFX: DOGU


MEAT?
Me ..

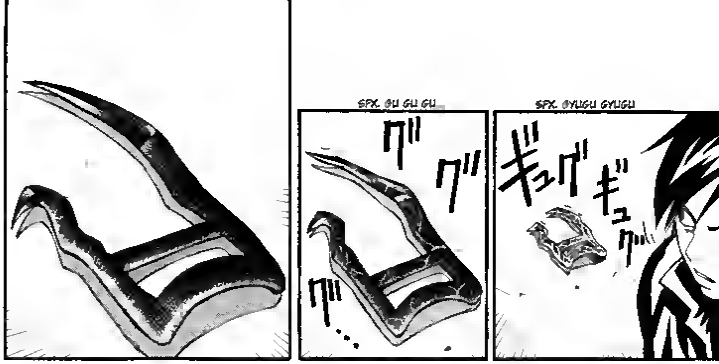
SFX: BAGA - FLAP
SFX: PATAN - CLANG
...Mea...

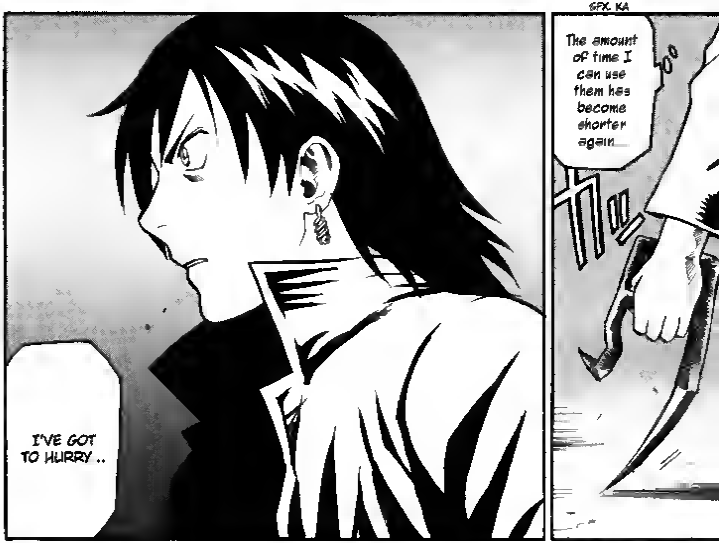
カラン
SFX: KARAN - RATTLE
!!
SFX: GRIP - GRIND

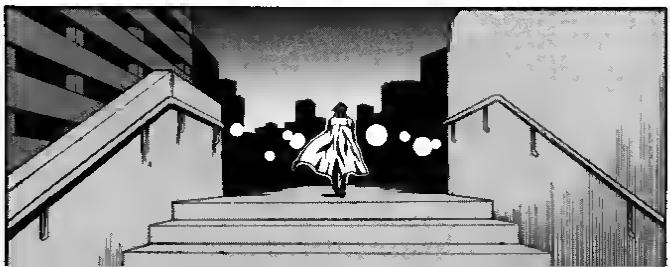
メギーン
メギッ
メギュ
ギリ…
ギン
SFX: MEGIN MEGI MEGYU
SFX: @IRI... GI


カカン
バッ
DAMN!!
SFX: KAKAN - CLATTER
SFX: IRA - FLYING OFF

Ah...
ギュゴン
ギュゴン
SFX: @YUGON GYUGON


SFX. GU GU GU
SFX. GYUGU GYUGU


SFX. KA
The amount of time I can use them has become shorter again...
I'VE GOT TO HURRY ..



KUGAI-SAN...
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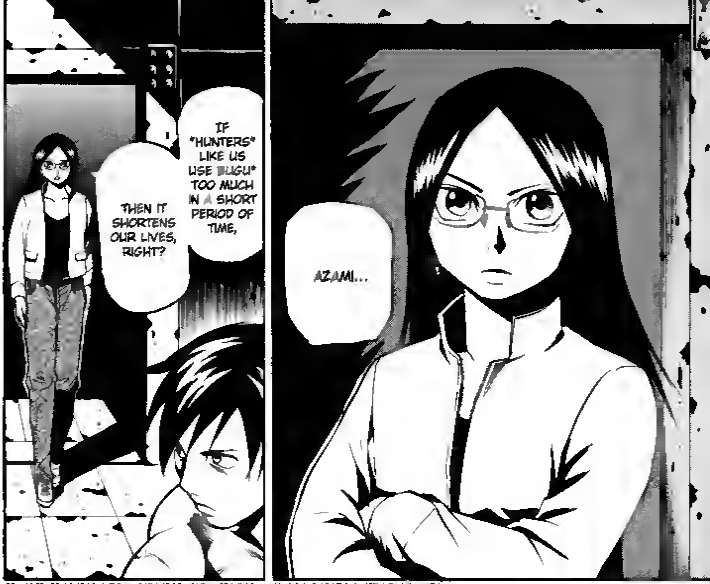
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NOT TO COME HERE
YOU WENT OFF TO FIGHT BY YOURSELF AGAIN, I SEE
SFX: ZA - STEP



TN: NOTE: "BUGU" IS A REAL JAPANESE WORD MEANING A WEAPON, BUT IT'S A VERY RARE WORD AND HERE IT'S USED SPECIFICALLY TO REFER TO THE SPECIAL WEAPONS THAT HUNTERS USE.

BUT... IF YOU FIGHT SO MUCH YOUR BODY WON'T...
GETTING RID OF OGRES IS MY DUTY
ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS SIMPLY FIND THEM AND REPORT BACK TO ME

I've got someone to help me out too
Y YES.
EVERYTHING'S FINE, I'M DOING MY BEST
THAT ASIDE... WERE YOU ABLE TO INFILTRATE THAT SCHOOL?
THAT OGRE THAT I LET SLIP AWAY RECENTLY...
...
SFX. KACHIN - JAB
Kid?
HE WAS A KID ABOUT YOUR AGE
IF SOMEONE THAT FITS THE DESCRIPTION IS THERE, THEN FIND HIM AND REPORT BACK TO ME.
THE POSSIBILITY IS HIGH THAT HE'S A STUDENT AT THE SCHOOL NEARBY.

QUIT TREATING ME LIKE A KID!!
Y... You're always...
YOUR STRENGTH STILL ISN'T
DON'T TRY AND FINISH THE JOB BY YOURSELF
SFX. DA - DASH
AZAMI!?
HEY!!

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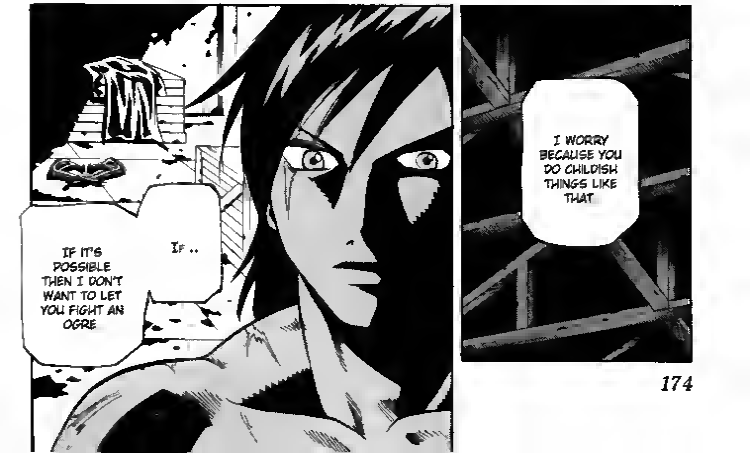
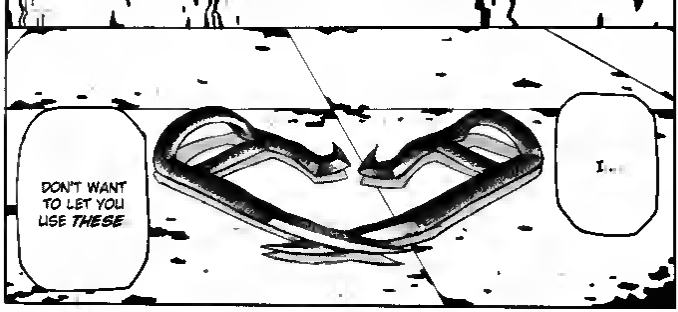
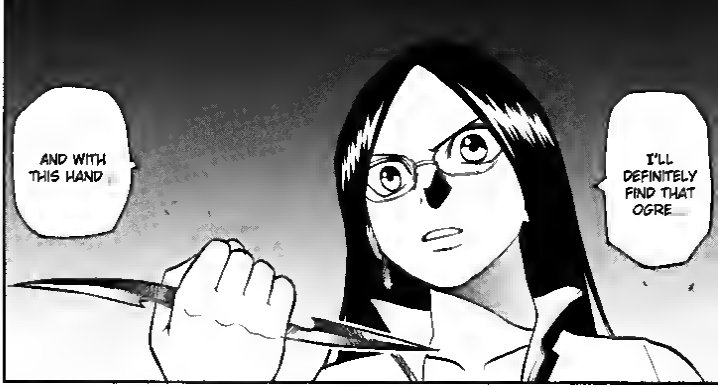

IF IT'S POSSIBLE THEN I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU FIGHT AN OGRE
IF ..
I WORRY BECAUSE YOU DO CHILDISH THINGS LIKE THAT


I...
DON'T WANT TO LET YOU USE THESE

At the very least I can lighten his burden!

Always treating me like a kid
Damnit, Kugai-san!



SFX. OA HAGU GUI KUCHA GOKUN ECT - BITE, CHOMP, GULP ECT

ONLY ONE CHAPTER TO GO IN VOLUME 1 SHOULD BE RELEASED AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS BUT YOU NEVER KNOW.

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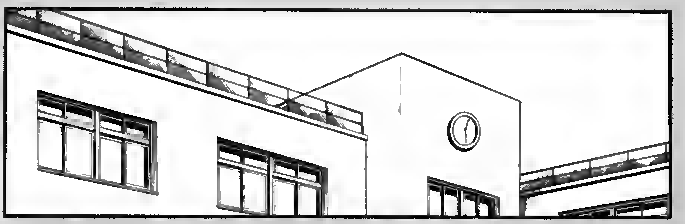
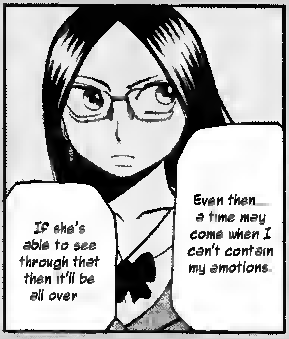
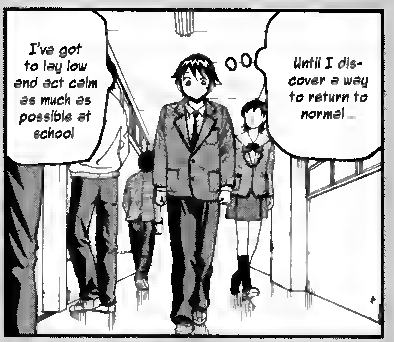
CAMOUFLAGE







I... in order to keep on living after turning into an ogre...
I can't just keep running away, scared of what may be lurking behind each shadow.

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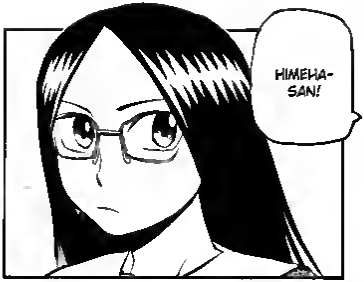
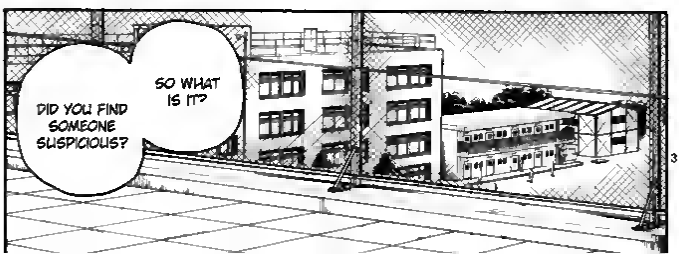


SPK TA TA - FOOTSTEPS



HOW IS IT THAT YOU DISTINGUISH OGRES FROM HUMANS?
I JUST CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO TELL THEM APART...
WELL... I'VE LOOKED AROUND HERE AND THERE BUT,
SFX: SU... - BRUSHING HER HAIR TO THE SIDE
THIS BELL.
...
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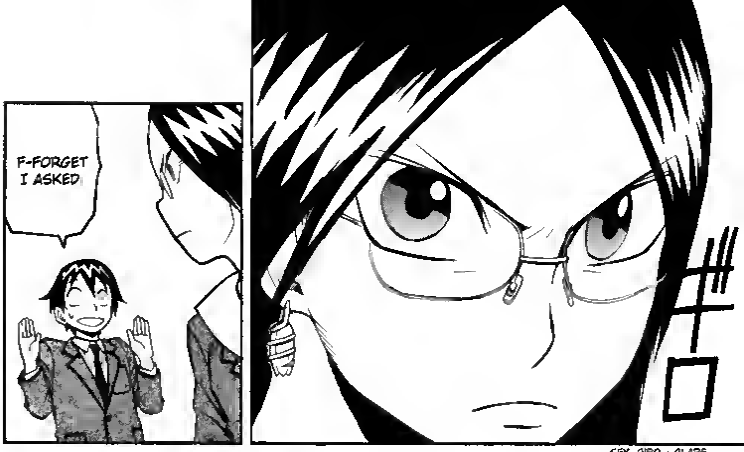
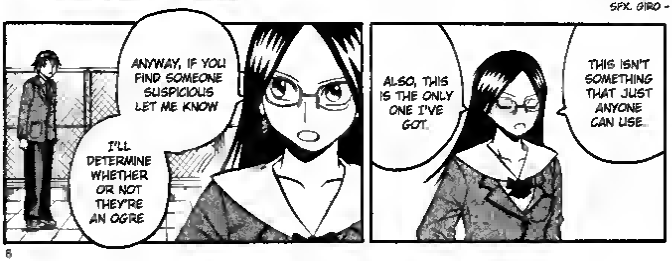
THE FACT THAT THIS BELL HAS RUNG MEANS,
THAT YOU'RE AN OGRE!!
That guy who tried to kill me had the exact same bell.
Just like I thought!

THE OGRE'S DIRECTION AND DISTANCE CAN BE DETERMINED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT BY THE SOUND OF THE BELL.
IF THERE IS AN OGRE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND THIS BELL RINGS, YOU CAN RELIABLY PINPOINT IT'S LOCATION.
WHEN AN OGRE UNLEASHES IT'S INSTINCT, A CERTAIN TYPE OF WAVELENGTH IS EMITTED.
THIS BELL REACTS TO THAT AND SOUNDS.
THE FARTHEST THAT I CAN DETECT AT THIS POINT IS ABOUT THE RADIUS OF THIS SCHOOL CAMPUS
THE PRECISION VARIES WIDELY BASED ON THE ABILITY OF THE WEARER.
Umm, MAYBE...
MAYBE I COULD USE THAT B-
If I'm able to borrow it for a little, then I can make like I dropped it and lost it...
For the meantime I've got to do something about that bell...



SFX. GIRO - GLARE


ANYWAY, IF YOU FIND SOMEONE SUSPICIOUS LET ME KNOW
I'LL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE AN OGRE
ALSO, THIS IS THE ONLY ONE I'VE GOT.
THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT JUST ANYONE CAN USE.

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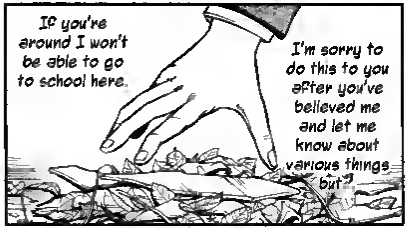
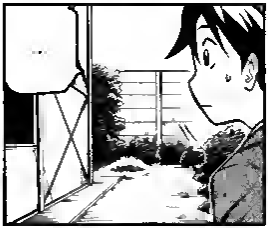
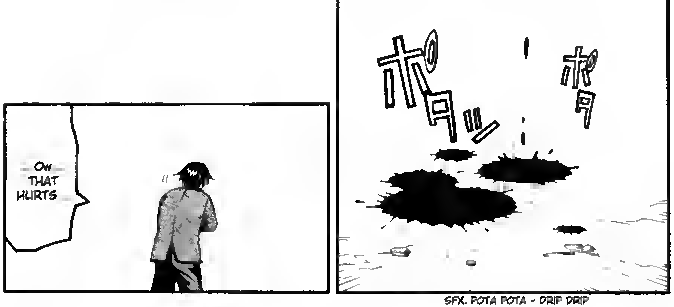
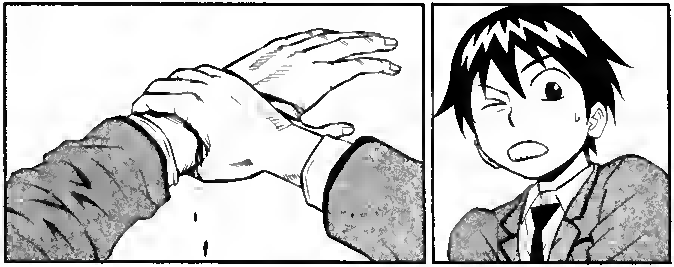

If you're around I won't be able to go to school here.
I'm sorry to do this to you after you've believed me and let me know about various things but...



SFX. GU - CLENCHING EYES IN PAIN



SFX. POTA POTA - DRIP DRIP



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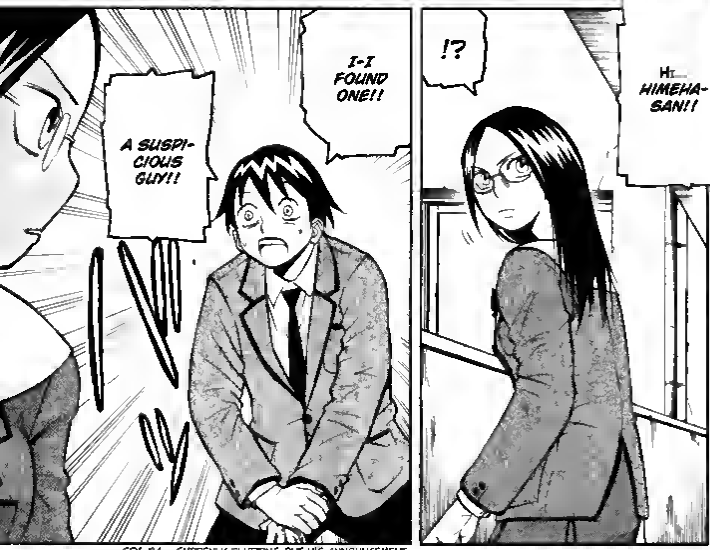
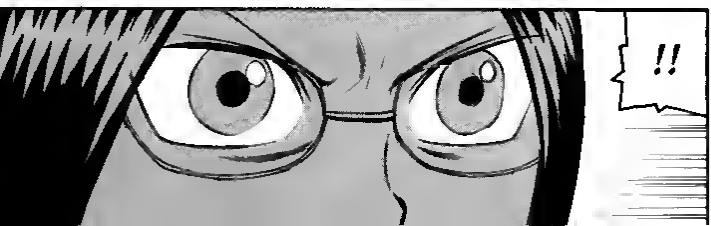
SFX. SU - PEEK AROUND DOOR

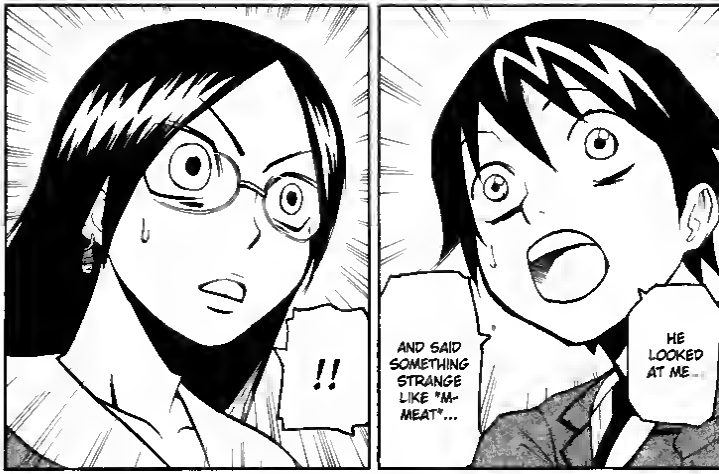
SFX: GOKU - GULP



SFX: BA - SUDDENLY BLURTING OUT HIS ANNOUNCEMENT



Not good... She's doubting me....
N...NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE...
AND ALL OF A SUDDEN HE BIT ME... HERE, TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WOUND...
I APPROACHED CLOSER IN ORDER TO CHECK IT OUT...
FOR SOME REASON IT JUST SEEMED STRANGE TO ME SO...
I WAS WALKING IN A CORNER OF THE CAMPUS WHEN I SAW A LONE PERSON'S SHADOW.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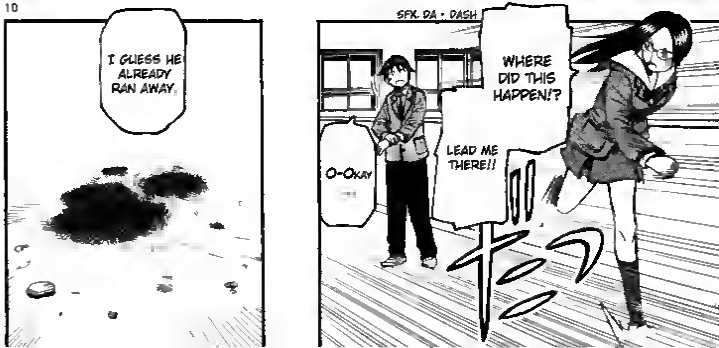
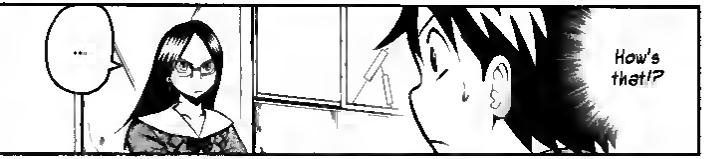
AND SAID SOMETHING STRANGE LIKE "M-MEAT"...
HE LOOKED AT ME...


I GUESS HE ALREADY RAN AWAY.
SFX: DA : DASH
WHERE DID THIS HAPPEN!?
LEAD ME THERE!!
O-OKAY

IT WAS RIGHT AROUND HERE.
THIS IS WHERE I WAS ATTACKED...
...
DID YOU SEE HIS FACE?

I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO GET A GOOD LOOK...
HE WAS A GUY ABOUT THE SAME AGE AS ME...
BUT HE WAS WEARING A DIFFERENT SCHOOL UNIFORM.
I DON'T THINK HE GOES TO THIS SCHOOL!!


How's that!?
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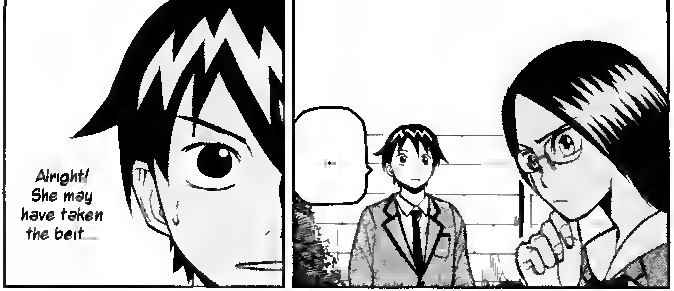
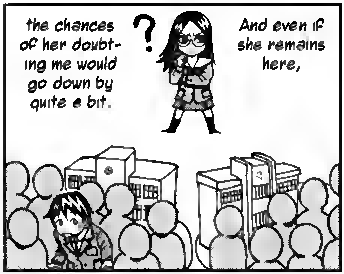
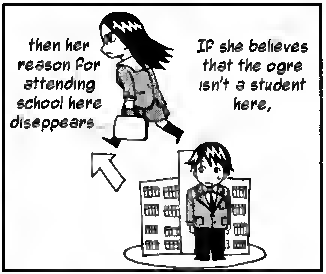
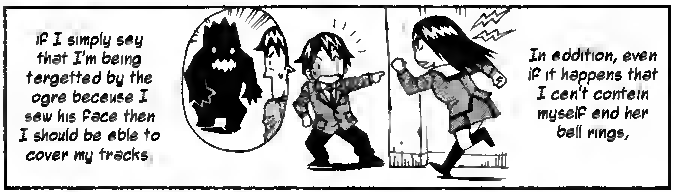
I wonder if it was a miscalculation thinking that the ogre was a student here?
I transferred here in order to gather information but...
Certainly, my bell hasn't rung once while I've been at this school.

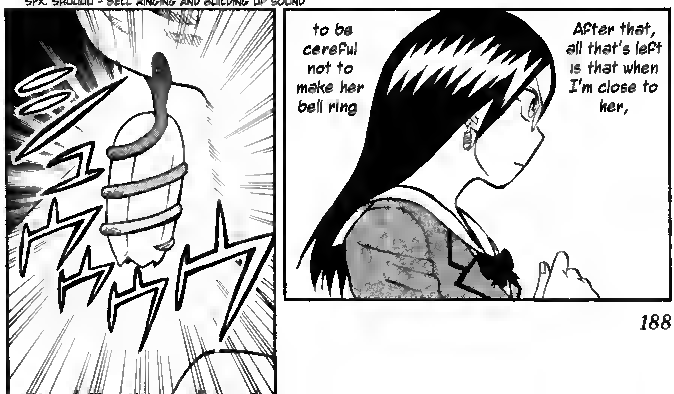




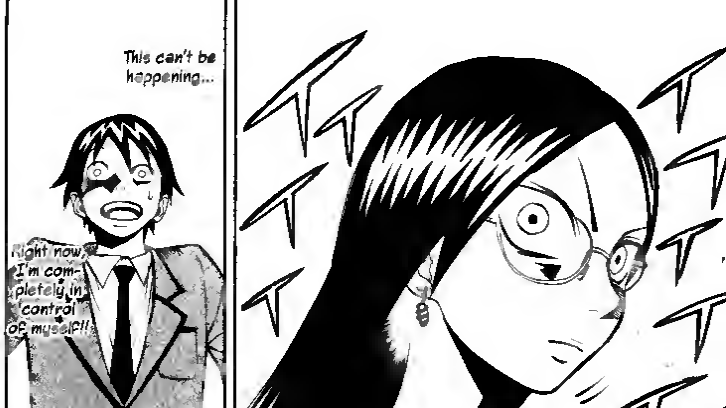



If I simply say that I'm being targetted by the ogre because I saw his face then I should be able to cover my tracks
In addition, even if it happens that I can't contain myself and her bell rings,

12 SFX: SHUUUU - BELL RINGING AND BUILDING UP SOUND



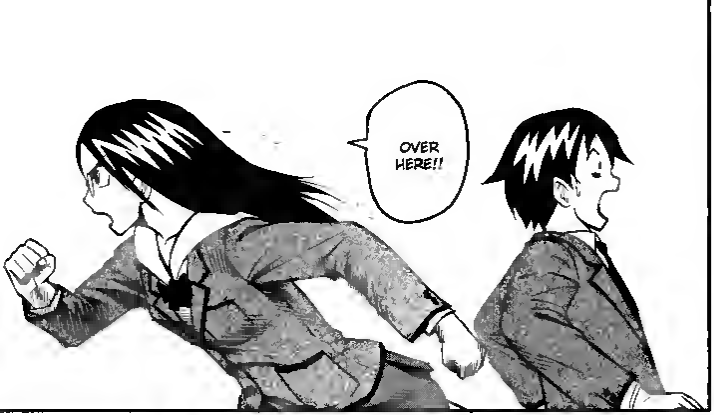
SFX: KIIIIN - BELL RINGING AT FULL VOLUME



SFX: ZUU

That's just like going right out and telling her that I'm an ogre...
To think that bell would ring in a place like this where it's just the two of us...

SFX: BA - DASHING TOWARDS MIKITO



SFX: DADADADA - RUNNING STEPS

SFX: SA

SFX: ZA - SCRAPING ON GRASS

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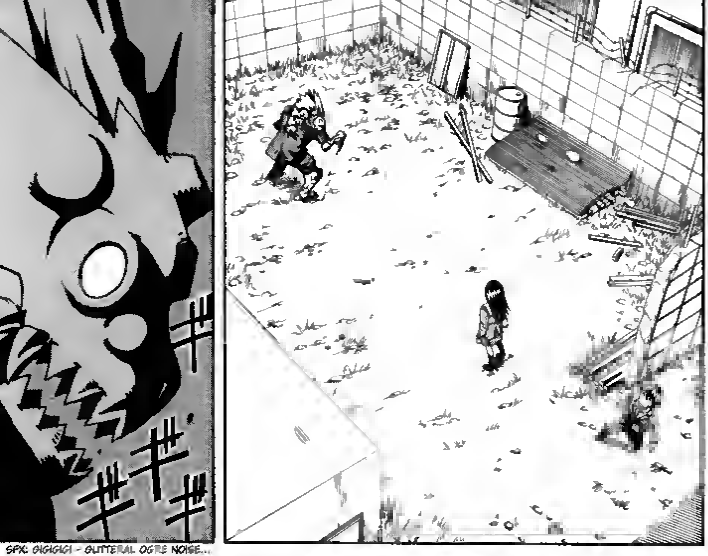
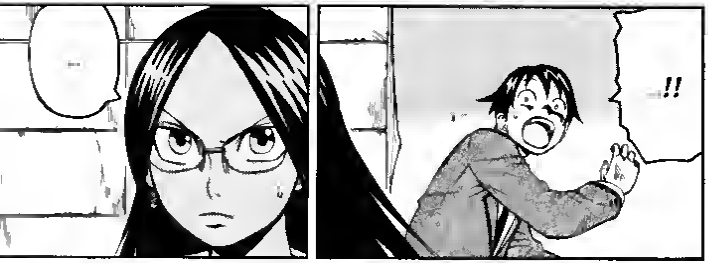

SFX: GIGIGI - GUTTERAL OGRE NOISE...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SFX: GU - CLENCH
IT'S ONLY ONE LONE OGRE.
WHAT'S HIS PROBLEM! TREATING ME LIKE A KID
IF YOU FIND IT MAKE SURE AND REPORT BACK TO ME.
DON'T EVER TRY AND DEFEAT IT BY YOURSELF!

I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DEFEATING IT ON MY OWN!!

another ogre...!!
Th-..There's actually,

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